Vaquero

1953

West Reading High School

Colors: Maroon and Steel. *Motto: Una Vitae Paramus.*

Alma Mater

Our Maroon and Steel
May always feel
We're with you to a man
Maroon and Steel
The hub of the wheel
We'll do for you all we can
Maroon and Steel
Our memories will
Drift back to you o'er and o'er
Our Alma Mater dear
West Reading need not fear
We'll be with you forever more.

Foreword

The purpose of the 1953 edition of the VAQUERO is to record the deeds of the boys and girls, who embodied the spirit of West Reading High School this year. In the years to come this yearbook will keep alive the memories gathered during their undergraduate days.

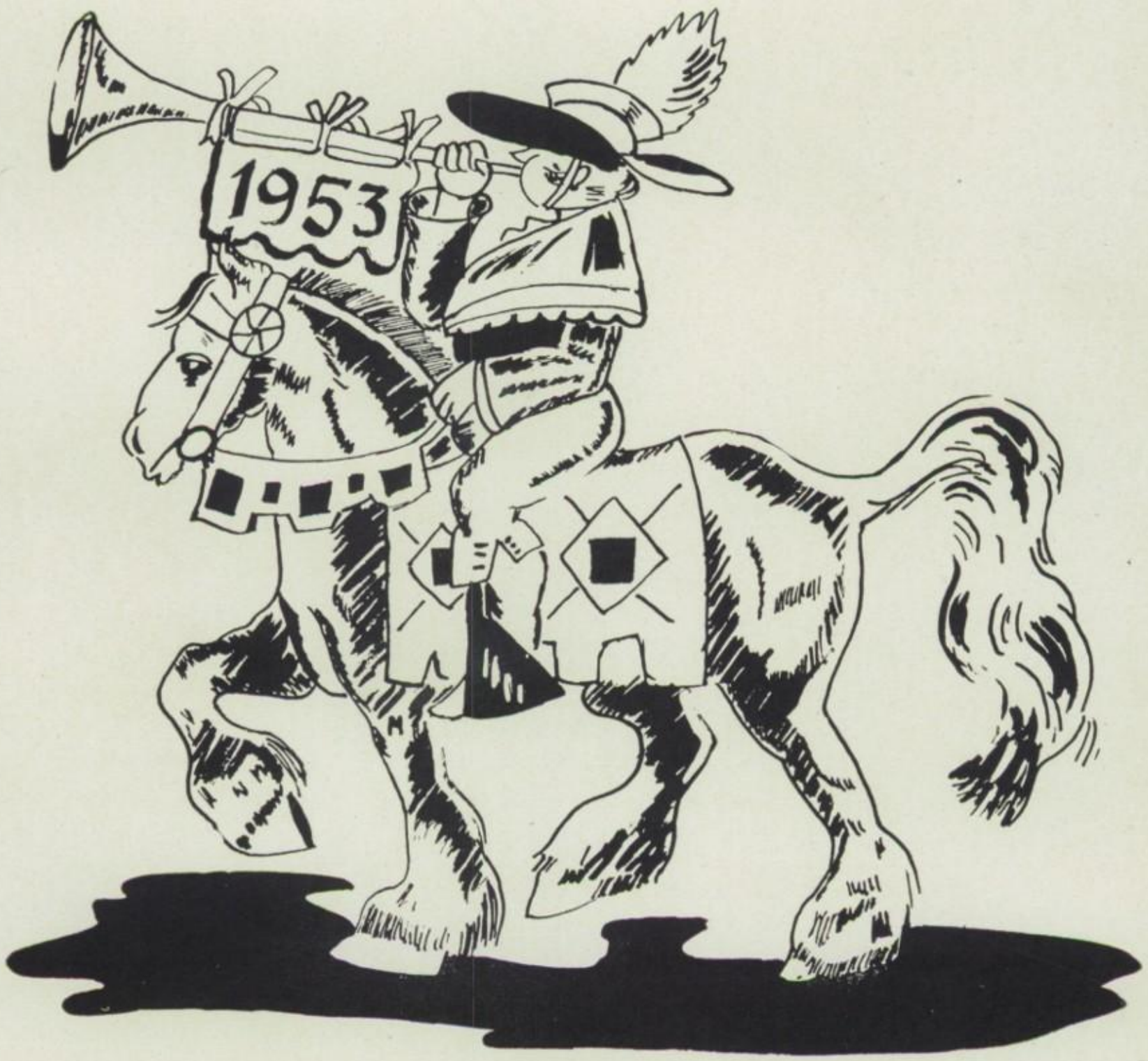
The future years will bring new faces and changes to the school scene, but there shall be this record of the friends they knew, the things they did, and the memories that are still dear to them.

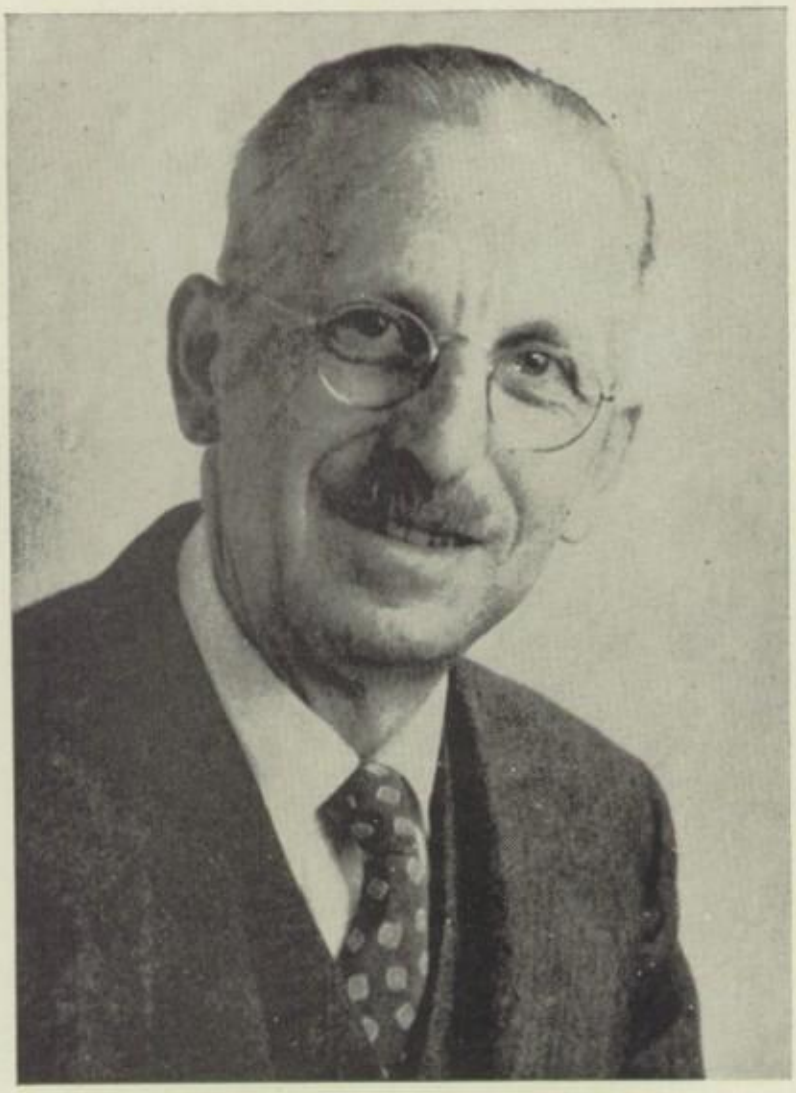
The VAQUERO staff joins in the confident hope that the Class of 1953 finds the fullest enjoyment in whatever they undertake.

Lynne A. Hagenbuch
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

West Reading High School

The Vaquero





MR. EDWIN B. YEICH

Dedication

To a loyal friend and counselor . . . who has helped and encouraged us . . . and whose forthrightness and generosity has left a lasting impression on our lives . . . we affectionately dedicate the 1953 VAQUERO.

Faculty

Joan McKently 53

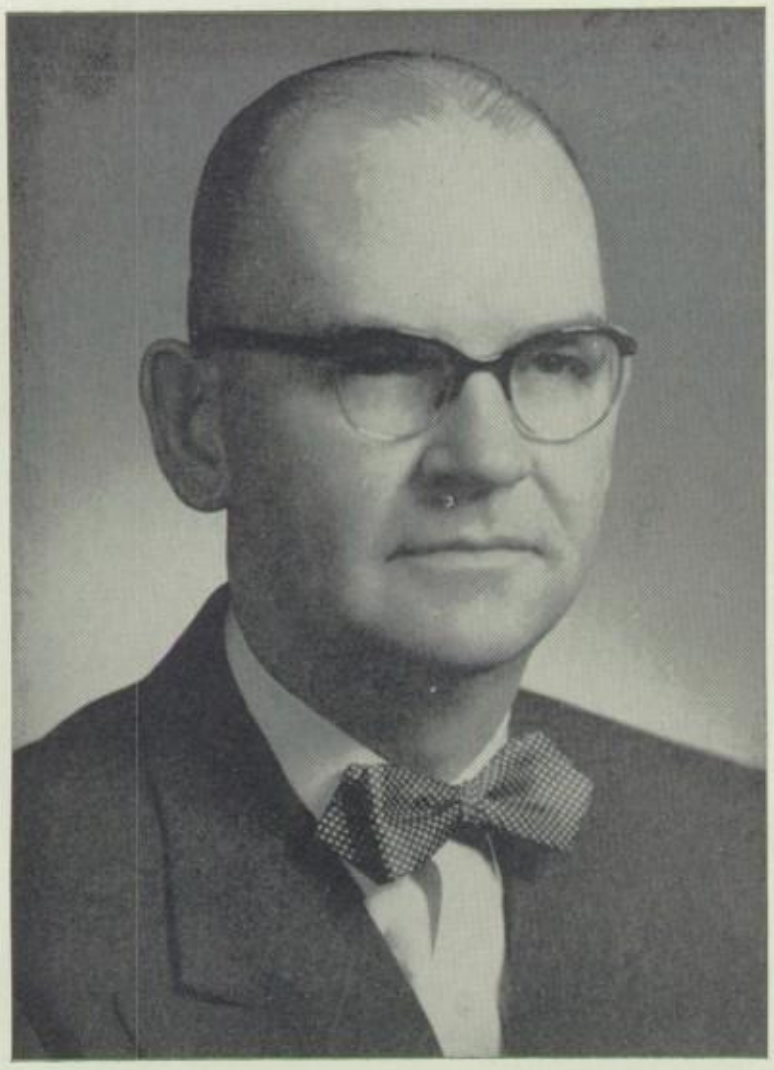
FIRST ROW—(*left to right*): F. McGavin, R. Hettinger, R. Miller, G. Schlegel, L. McGrath.
SECOND ROW—H. Parsons, L. Wolfe, R. Rosenkrance.

Board of Education

The little-known and little-talked about organization of a high school is the Board of Education. They keep everything in the school moving along and apply all the new methods that are plausible to help the student body.

After the last census it was found that West Reading has become a third-class school district — thus we elected Mr. Herbert L. Parsons and Mr. Lee W. Wolfe to our school board, increasing the members from five to seven.

The school board is elected by the voters of West Reading and unselfishly give their time and efforts to making our school a better one. They receive no remuneration for this service which they gladly contribute. We take our hats off to them for the fine job they are doing.



MR. ROBERT A. ROSENKRANCE
Supervising Principal

It is an especial pleasure for me to write a word of greeting for this year's Vaquero because of my special interest in this year's graduating class. This is the class which was starting in Senior High School the year I came to West Reading, and in addition to that I am unusually interested in it because my daughter is a member of it.

Congratulations to the adviser and the staff on what I am sure will be a yearbook worthy of taking its place among the productions of previous years. One satisfying feature of these books is that each one has an individual personality which is a reflection of the creative ability, the artistic taste, and the hard work of the staff which produces it. I hope this yearbook will be a source of pride to its compilers and to all of us who will enjoy it.

As you all know, the main job of the Vaquero is to round up the cattle on a ranch. I feel sure that this year's Vaquero staff has rounded up a fine pictorial and written record of the main events of this school year. And as we sit around the campfire or the fireplace in years to come and reminisce about our school days, a copy of the 1953 Vaquero will bring back memories of friends, teachers, and happy times in West Reading High School.

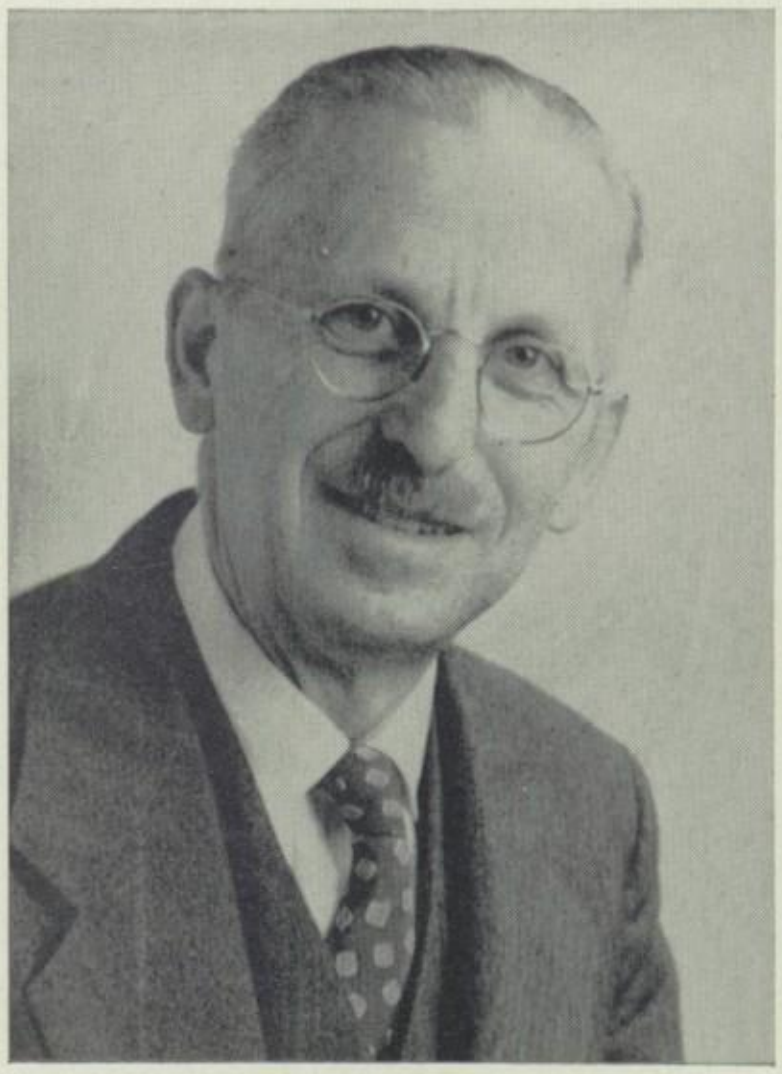
Robert A. Rosenkrance
SUPERVISING PRINCIPAL

If memory serves me correctly, the first attempt at a yearbook in West Reading High School was made just thirty years ago, and, except for the lapse of a few years, a new edition has gone to press each spring. They were all something to be proud of, but, it is to be believed, that first issue of 1923 is today much more valuable than it was then and much more valuable than this one is. To you, today's readers, however, is given the privilege of seeing this new issue, with all its fine workmanship, become more valuable, if not daily, at least yearly, for a yearbook such as this, replete with photographs and inferences of your school days, will, years from now, bring back those days, and help you once again breathe the air of the classroom, and review the activities which made this year, for you, famous above all others.

To you youngsters, then, may I extend my greetings on the happy occasion of a new Vaquero. And, to you oldsters who will be reading this 10 — 20 — 30 years from now, may my greetings be as new as they are now, and may your pleasure in reading these pages be as strong.

Edwin B. Yeich
HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

MR. EDWIN B. YEICH
High School Principal



Homer M. Barthold

MUSIC SUPERVISOR

Instrumental Music.

Lebanon Valley College, B.S.; Millersville State Teachers College; Rutgers University; Columbia University, M.A.; University of Pennsylvania.

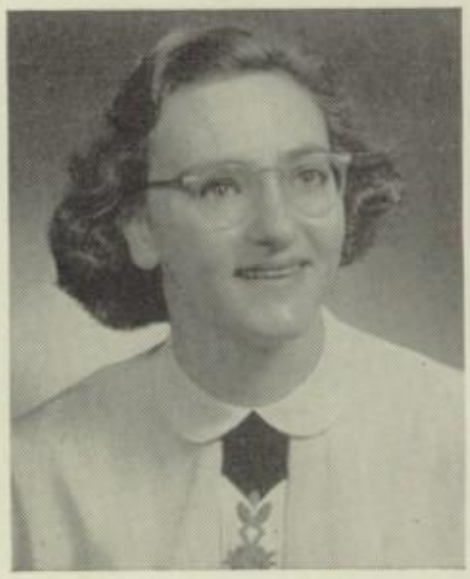
Activity Committee; Band; Dance Band; Orchestra.

Jeanne W. Cilley

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Ursinus College, B.S.

Athletic Association; Basketball; Cheerleading; Hockey; Junior High Social Dancing; Twirlers.



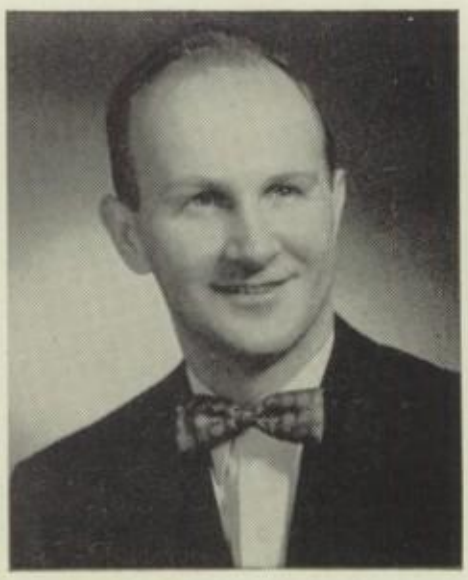
Roy R. Bilger

COMMERCIAL

Typing I; Shorthand I and II; Business English.

Susquehanna University, B.S.; Bucknell University.

VAQUERO, adviser; Driver Training.



Mabel H. Fritz

FRENCH-LATIN

Latin I, II; French I and II.

Bucknell University, A.B.; Columbia University (Teachers College), M.A.; Middlebury French School; Penn State French School.

Guidance; National Honor Society, adviser; Public Relations; Monitors.

Helen M. Bolton

ENGLISH

Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, and Twelfth Grade English.

Mary Washington College, B.S.; William and Mary; Albright College.

Assembly Committee; LARIAT, adviser; LARIAT Cubs; National Honor Society, adviser.

Dorothy M. Gantz

VOCAL MUSIC

Elementary and High School Vocal Music.

West Chester State Teachers College, B.S.; Penn State.

Boys' Quartet; Girls' Sextet; Junior Chorus; MacDowell Choral Club; Elementary Choir; Y-Teens, adviser.

Margaret D. Brunner

SPEECH

Speech Correction; Eighth Grade Speech; Seventh Grade English.

Bloomsburg State Teachers College, B.S.; Penn State.

Junior Dramatics; National Thespian Society; Senior Dramatics; National Honor Society, adviser.

Mary E. Gresh

SOCIAL STUDIES

Eighth Grade Social Studies; Ninth Grade Civics.

Shippensburg State Teachers College, B.S.; Albright College; University of Pennsylvania.

Hollywood Highlights; Hollywood Fan Club; Stamp Club; National Honor Society, adviser.

Marjorie W. Henne

DENTAL HYGIENIST

Albright College; Thomas Evans Institute of University of Pennsylvania.

Specialist in Dental Hygiene; Health Committee; Student Council, adviser.

Mary Ann Lash

LIBRARY

School Librarian; Seventh Grade Library Class.

Kutztown State Teachers College, B.S. in Secondary Education; Penn State.

Junior Library; Senior Library Club; General Library Club, Senior Display.

Arthur B. Himmelberger

HISTORY

High School History.

Lebanon Business College; University of Alabama (Air Corps Program); Albright College, B.S.; Temple University.

Debating; Driver Training; Student Council, adviser.

Stephen C. Leininger

INDUSTRIAL ARTS

Industrial Arts; Printing; Mechanical Drawing.

Millersville State Teachers College; Albright College, B.S.; Penn State; University of Pennsylvania.

Graphic Arts Clubs.

Richard H. Koch

CHEMISTRY-BIOLOGY
GENERAL SCIENCE

Chemistry; Biology; General Science.

Albright College, B.S.; Temple University.

Football; Varsity Basketball; Science Club; Junior Sportsman; Senior Hi-Y.

Ray W. Linn

MATHEMATICS-PHYSICS

Physics; Algebra I and II; Plane and Solid Geometry; Trigonometry; Consumer Mathematics.

Shippensburg State Teachers College, B.S.

Football, coach; Junior Varsity Basketball; Baseball; Senior Sportsman.

Frances V. Kochel

ENGLISH-GERMAN

Eighth and Ninth Grade English; German I and II.

Albright College; Beaver College, A.B.; Kutztown State Teachers College.

Student Council, adviser; Fancy Work Club; Figurine Painting; Y-Teens, adviser.

Evan H. Manwiller

MATHEMATICS

Junior High School Mathematics; Ninth and Tenth Grade Commercial Mathematics.

Albright College, B.S.; Lock Haven State Teachers College; University of Pennsylvania; University of Denver.

Athletic Association, treasurer; Junior Camera Club; Senior Camera Club.

Samuel J. Naylor

COMMERCIAL

Typing II; Bookkeeping I and II; Secretarial Training; Consumer Economics.

Beckley Business College; Albright College; Elizabethtown College, B.S.; University of Pennsylvania.

Banking Club and Faculty Treasurer of School Funds; Consulting Financial Adviser to LARIAT; National Honor Society; Adviser to Purchasing Agent.

Sara S. Stanton

SCHOOL NURSE

Reading Hospital School of Nursing, R.N.; Pennsylvania School of Social and Health Work; Albright College; University of Pennsylvania.

Student Health Committee.

Miriam L. Parker

HOME ECONOMICS

Home Economics.

Albright College, B.S.; Cornell University.

Costume Club; Ninth Grade Chefs' Club.

Robert J. Tuckey

INDUSTRIAL ARTS

Woodworking; Metal Shop; Electricity; Mechanical Drawing.

Millersville State Teachers College, B.S.; Temple University.

Model Club; Crafts; Stagecraft; Archery.

John L. Shalter

SOCIAL STUDIES

Social Studies.

Millersville State Teachers College, B.S. in Education; University of Pennsylvania, M.S. in Education.

Collectors' Club; Junior Historians' Club; Junior Hi-Y; Social Dancing; Games Club; Swimming Team, coach.

James M. K. Waldron

ART SUPERVISOR

Elementary and High School Art.

Kutztown State Teachers College, B.S. in Art Education; Temple University, M.F.A.

Senior Poster Club; Puppet Club; Jr. and Sr. Art Clubs; VAQUERO Art Consultant.

John H. Shaner

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Health; Physical Education; Director of Athletics.

Culver Normal School of Physical Training; Albright College, B.S.; Penn State College; University of Pennsylvania, M. S. in Education.

Athletic Association; Track Team; Junior High Basketball; Assists other sports; Athletic Adviser.

Edwin B. Yeich

HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL-ENGLISH

High School Principal; Eleventh and Twelfth Grade English.

Franklin and Marshall College; University of Pennsylvania; Penn State College; A.B., A.M.

Grace M. Hamilton

SECRETARY

School Secretary.

Lebanon High School; Lebanon Business College.

L. Ann Gasser

OFFICE CLERK

Oley High School; Kutztown State Teachers College.

LEFT TO RIGHT—C. Merkle, J. Spence, A. Scalese.

CUSTODIANS

Scarcely does a day go by that we do not notice one of our faithful custodians always doing something to make our school building look more attractive. These faithful custodians do a thankless job from day to day, and the Vaquero staff wishes to express the unspoken appreciation of the faculty and students for the care given to the school building and the school grounds.

Faculty Snaps

MR. SHANER

Miss Kochel

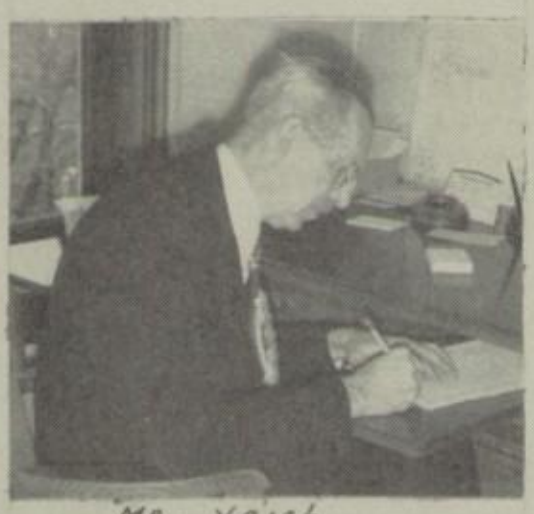
MR. BARTHOLD

MR. HIMELBERGER

MR. BILGER

MISS GANTZ

MR. WALDRON



MR. Yeich

MISS CILLEY

MR. LINN

MRS. Bolton

MR. NAYLOR

Miss HASSLER

MISS PARKER

MR. LEININGER

MR. TUCKEY

Seniors

JEAN WILLIAMS "54"

LEFT TO RIGHT—L. Hagenbuch, B. Schearer, W. Hinnershitz, V. Stehman.

Senior Class

OFFICERS

President ..... William Hinnershitz
Vice President ..... Barbara Schearer
Secretary ..... Lynne Hagenbuch
Treasurer ..... Virginia Stehman

The senior class of West Reading High School completed a very busy term. Throughout the year they sponsored many activities to finance their trip to Washington. They were in charge of refreshments at all games and activities, sponsored skating parties, sport hops and card parties, and also sold Christmas cards.

Many seniors, being talented in music, helped to swell the MacDowell Chorus. The musical department also demanded the time of many in the orchestra and band.

High school sports also claimed many seniors who were active participants in football, basketball, baseball, swimming, and track. The girls were quite active in basketball and field hockey, while some contributed their services as cheerleaders.

They were also widely scattered in activities and service organizations throughout the school. Many spent their after school hours rendering services to the LARIAT, VAQUERO, Y-Teens, Stagecraft and the Dramatics Club.

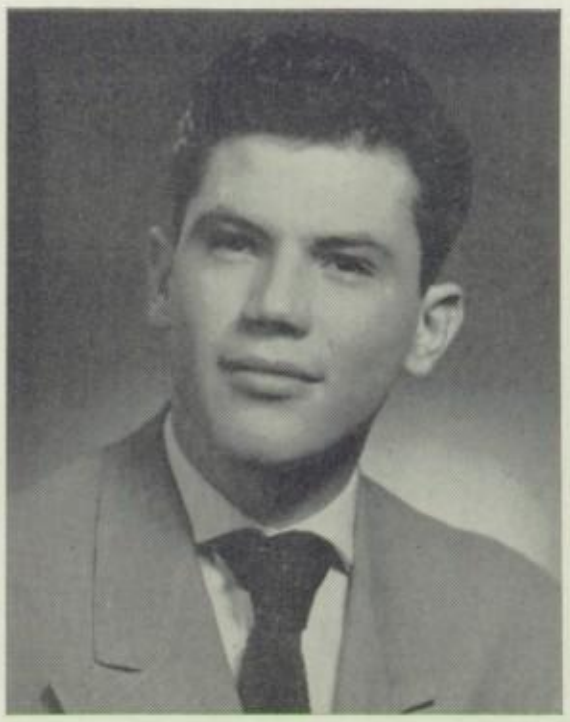
Joseph Arthur Bowers

"Gumma" *Industrial Arts*

I'LL NEVER FORGET—My buddies, the brothers . . . Mr. Leininger . . . my last year on the football team . . . Kenny, Rail, Meatball, Brother Busch . . . cop out activity periods . . . detention . . . nights at Shirl's . . . Miss Kochel . . . Mr. Himmelberger . . . my job at the P. O. . . . Linda . . . Al's . . . when I broke the printing press . . . Meatball's Plymouth . . . Mr. Kessler and Mr. Hubley . . . "Jet" Goodman . . . Buschie's girl friends.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—His job as senior purchasing agent . . . that curly hair . . . his shy manner . . . his attraction to the opposite sex . . . our football lineman . . . his faithfulness to Al's . . . one of the brothers . . . his dream class pictures.

ACTIVITIES—Monitor 4; Sr. Graphic Arts 2, 3, 4; Sr. Sportsman 1; Football 3, 4; Swimming 2; Senior Purchasing Agent 4.



Robert Paul Bright

"Meatball" *Industrial Arts*

I'LL NEVER FORGET—The undefeated team of '52 . . . the coaches . . . my letter from Tennessee . . . Danny, Bill, and the truck . . . the Plymouth . . . "Kess" and Hubley . . . the fun with "the men" on stagecraft . . . when I smashed up the Muhlenberg Dairy truck . . . the fun I had with Pat . . . my job at the Esso station . . . the times with the brothers . . . Busch, Bowers, Kern, and Worms.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—Everlasting job at the gas station . . . his willingness to lend a helping hand . . . notable football ability . . . president of stagecraft . . . his car . . . that neat sense of humor . . . one of the brothers . . . his ability to get along with everyone.

ACTIVITIES—Stagecraft 2, 3, 4, President 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Co-Captain 4.

Mildred Dorothy Brunner

"Millie" *Academic*

I'LL NEVER FORGET—Driver training . . . Mr. Himmelberger . . . class parties . . . basketball games . . . being fouled out . . . class play practices . . . Chemistry with Rita . . . selling hot dogs during football games . . . Washington, D. C. . . . getting the car for away football games . . . classes with Mr. Waldron.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—Her basketball ability . . . her many problems with Carol . . . that crush on Bill Greenleese . . . that familiar walk . . . the times she had in Home Economics class . . . tallest girl in the class . . . cheery greetings . . . her mother's caramels . . . troubles with class pictures.

ACTIVITIES—Assembly Committee 1; Class Play 3, 4; Dramatics 2, 3, 4, Vice President 4; Figurine Painting 4; Foreign Letter Exchange 3; Hospitality Committee 2; Jr. Art 1; MacDowell 2, 3, 4; Monitor 3; Orchestra 1, 2, 3; Thespian 3, 4, Vice President 4; VAQUERO 2, 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Hockey 1, 4; Guidance 4.

Donald Evan Busch

"Buschie" *Industrial Arts*

I'LL NEVER FORGET—The brothers . . . Mr. Leininger . . . Mr. Tuckey . . . lunch in the booth . . . Mr. Kessler and Mr. Hubley . . . getting out of classes to run movies . . . the fun we had on stagecraft . . . Mr. Himmelberger . . . the shop classes . . . the eggs . . . rushing to work every day after school . . . going to Philadelphia in Mr. Kessler's car . . . driver training . . . high school . . . my class.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—His disinterest in the opposite sex . . . his shyness . . . his hunting and fishing trips with "Otto" . . . the time he got detention for eating the eggs . . . his hard work in shops . . . his everlasting friend Moe.

ACTIVITIES—Camera 1; Cooking, President 2; Crafts 1, 2; Jr. Art 1; Sr. Graphic Arts, President 2, 3, 4; Stagecraft 3, 4.

Rita Ann Cardinal

"Rita" *General*

I'LL NEVER FORGET—Driver training class with Bernie . . . Larry's parties . . . the trip to the zoo with "Kess" in tenth grade . . . the good times with Bobby and the rest of the girls . . . our class . . . first year German class . . . Miss Parker . . . the many good times Bobby and I had at the shore . . . and last but not least, the neat kids at W. R. H. S.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—The part she played in the senior class play . . . her haircut . . . her swingy walk . . . home economics ability . . . moods . . . those sweaters . . . the green "Chevy" . . . B-Teen representative . . . her attraction for that certain junior.

ACTIVITIES—Class Play 4; Costume 3, 4. Secretary 3, President 4; Health Committee 1, 4, Secretary 4; Jr. Chorus 1; Knit and Purl 1; LARIAT 1; MacDowell 2, 3, 4; Monitor 3; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4, Cabinet 3, 4; Athletic Association 1; Basketball 3; Hockey 1, 2, 3, 4.

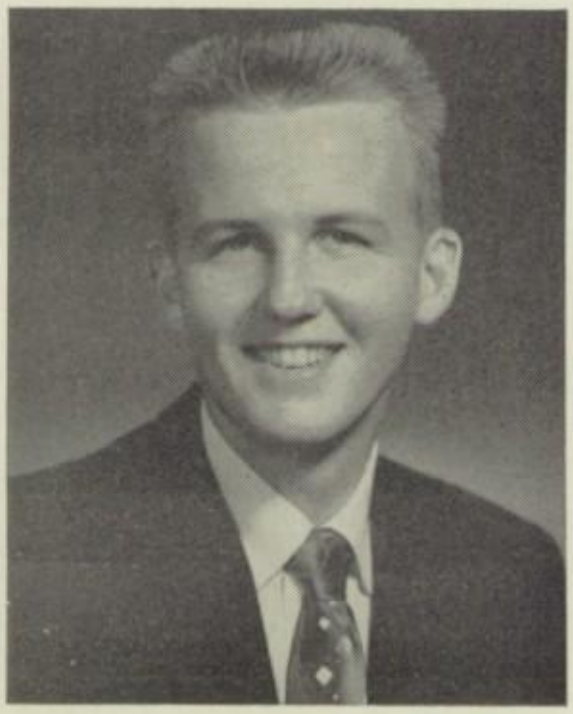
Nunzio Donald Cucinotta

"Nunz" *General*

I'LL NEVER FORGET—The falls I always took in the basketball games . . . Worms, my helpful teammate . . . the time I ran out of gas coming home from the Lititz football game . . . the dream fun that we had in Mr. Kessler's classes . . . our trying to win the Jr. High basketball championship for the second year . . . the parties that we had on Saturday nights, especially Larry's . . . my everlasting troubles with the women.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—His black wavy hair . . . that Plymouth . . . working at market . . . his troubles with Coach . . . our janitor . . . that nickname . . . his readiness to help . . . his ideal teacher, Mr. Kessler . . . his wonderful dance ability . . . his favorite pastime, playing cards . . . his wholeheartedness in playing basketball.

ACTIVITIES—Hi-Y 1; Sr. Sportsman 4; Stagecraft 2, 3, 4; Athletic Association 4; Baseball 1; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Science 1.



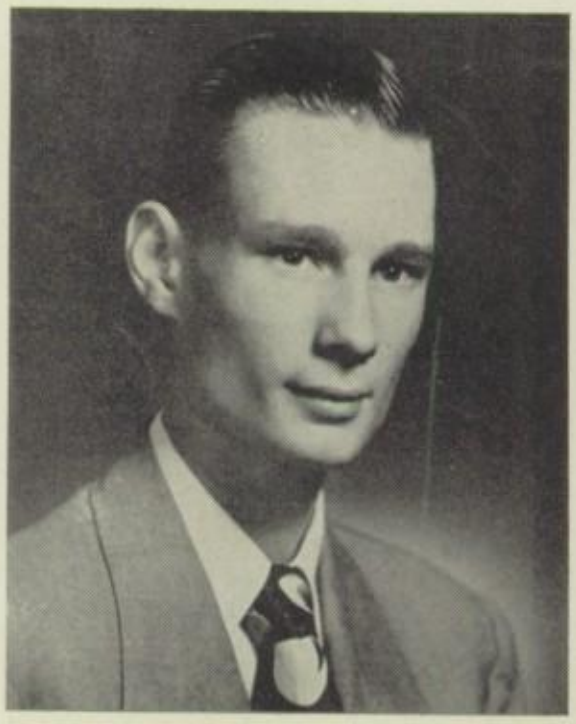
Carl Robert Engle

"Tip" *General*

I'LL NEVER FORGET—Eighth and tenth grade trips . . . Mr. Barthold . . . basketball with Mr. Shaner . . . band and orchestra . . . the parties . . . football practice . . . Nunz and the gang . . . the rope . . . my senior year . . . our undefeated season . . . Washington . . . German classes with Rita and Dave.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—Our No. 1 clarinet player . . . the pretzels in English class . . . finally playing football . . . one of the boys . . . that build . . . his trouble with the girls . . . his dream manners (ha!) . . . making his first T. D. in the Wyomissing game.

ACTIVITIES—Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Dance Band 3, 4; Class Treasurer 2; Health Committee 1; Hi-Y 1; MacDowell 2, 3, 4, Librarian 3; Monitor 3, 4; Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council 2; Athletic Association 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 3, 4; Track 1.



Neil Allen Epler

"Epp" *Academic*

I'LL NEVER FORGET—Swell times with Bill, Rail, and the gang . . . Ginny's baby talk . . . our neat class trips . . . swell classes with Mr. Kessler and Mr. Hubley . . . fun as manager of football, swimming, and baseball . . . lining off the field with Harvey . . . Joyce, at the formal in my senior year (Oh!) . . . taking movies of the class . . . that senior year . . . our trip to Washington . . . those frequent trips to Wilson with Bill . . . my "41" Chrysler.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—His pal, Dick . . . his swimming ability . . . our faithful manager of all sports . . . one of our quartet members . . . our expressman . . . his stagefright.

ACTIVITIES—Camera 1; Class Play 3; Cooking 1; Foreign Letter Exchange 1; Hi-Y 2; Library 1, 2, 3; MacDowell 3, 4; Monitor 3, 4; Science 1, 2, 3, 4; Sr. Graphic Arts 2; VAQUERO 4; Baseball Manager 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 4, Manager 4; Swimming Manager 3, 4.

David Charles Geiss

"Dave" *General*

I'LL NEVER FORGET—Larry's parties . . . the band trips to Terre Hill and Emmaus, etc. . . . our junior class play . . . the band and MacDowell concerts . . . Mr. Barthold and our broad-minded talks . . . all the football practices and games . . . the nights after the games . . . German class . . . our trip to Hopewell in Larry's car . . . all my long walks and wonderful times with Carol . . . my senior year.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—Those good looks . . . his job at Miller's . . . his never-ending love for Carol . . . getting sick for the class play . . . our able center for the football team . . . our capable president of the band.

ACTIVITIES—Band 1, 2, 3, 4, President 4; Dance Band 4; Class Play 3, 4; Hospitality Committee 2; MacDowell 3, 4, Librarian 3, Vice President 4; Monitor Chairman 3; Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4, President 4; Student Council 3; Athletic Association 1; Football 1, 3, 4.

Nancy Jane Haas

"Hassie" *Academic*

I'LL NEVER FORGET—Driver training class . . . our trips to the shore . . . the many parties . . . Bernie's cake . . . the cookies . . . my blind dates . . . the day I went through the "red" light . . . Bernie, Marl, Lynne, and Lynn . . . the troubles of the senior class . . . Wyomissing circle . . . the day we went to see Nixon . . . the Wyomissing game.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—Her distinctive walk . . . hot rodding in the Plymouth . . . her leading roles in the class plays . . . her mud bath at hockey . . . "Red Dog" . . . her winsome ways . . . many hair cuts . . . her silly giggle . . . her brother Jeff.

ACTIVITIES—Class Play 3, 4; Debate 3; Dramatics 3, 4, Secretary 3; Health Committee, Vice Chairman 3; LARIAT 3, 4, Assistant Advertising Manager 4; MacDowell 4; Monitor 3; Student Council, Activities Chairman 4; Thespian 4; VAQUERO 3, 4; Y-Teens 3, 4, Service Chairman 4; Hockey 3, 4.

Lynne Anne Hagenbuch

"Lynne" *Academic*

I'LL NEVER FORGET—My long hockey season . . . my faithful friend Marilyn . . . those neat Home Economics classes . . . class trips . . . our neat football games . . . the gang at Wertz's . . . graduation . . . senior year.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—Worthy VAQUERO editor . . . class secretary . . . green Buick . . . broken nose . . . neat complexion . . . her senior year in Home Economics class . . . her elaborate wardrobe . . . her constant companion.

ACTIVITIES—VAQUERO 2, 3, 4, Advertising Manager 3, Editor 4; Class Secretary 3, 4; Class Play 3, 4; Dramatics 4; Jr. Art 1; Jr. Chorus 1; LARIAT 3; Library 1, 2; MacDowell 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society, Vice President 1, 2; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4, Social Chairman 3, 4; Basketball, Manager 2; Hockey 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 2.

Patricia Ann Hessinger

"Pat" *Commercial*

I'LL NEVER FORGET—Our eighth grade trips . . . Mr. Himmelberger's history classes . . . Ginnifer, and her flame gown . . . Marilyn, Lynne, and Bobby . . . our "Chevy" troubles . . . 1952 football season . . . our commercial classes with Mr. Naylor . . . Washington . . . our senior class . . . graduation.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—Our future X-ray technician . . . her love for the hospital . . . neat sense of humor . . . one of the gang at Wertz's . . . her soldier . . . wonderful driving ability . . . our drum corps majorette . . . membership chairman for Y-Teens . . . her favorite word, "really".

ACTIVITIES—Assembly Committee 4; Class Play 4; Costume 2, 3, President 2, Vice President 3; Dramatics 4; Figurine Painting 3; Jr. Chorus 1; LARIAT 1; MacDowell 2, 3, 4; VAQUERO 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4, Membership Chairman 4.

Wilma Sue Hiester

"Fiddle" *Commercial*

I'LL NEVER FORGET—The gang . . . the time I gave "Red Dog" a mud bath at hockey . . . all those parties . . . my best friend, Joan . . . my senior year . . . Mr. Naylor's classes . . . the neat senior class . . . those dream sport hops where no one danced . . . Marty . . . all the times I had to explain how I got my nickname . . . senior class play . . . Elaine at the Reading Fair . . . the 1952 Wyomissing football game.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—Basketball ability . . . her nickname . . . her part in the senior class play . . . playing hockey in her senior year . . . our little girl . . . getting the measles.

ACTIVITIES—Banking 3; Class Play 3, 4; Costume 2; Foreign Letter Exchange 1; Jr. Chorus 1; Knit and Purl 1; LARIAT 1, 2, 3; MacDowell 2, 3, 4; Monitor 4; Art 4; VAQUERO 3, 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Athletic Association 3, 4; Basketball 3, 4; Hockey 4; Volleyball 1, 2.

William E. Hinnershitz

"Bill" *General*

I'LL NEVER FORGET—Swell times with Rail and the gang . . . joyous class trips . . . Ginny's baby talk . . . Mr. Kessler and Mr. Hubley's dream classes . . . basketball games on the old playground . . . my dreaming about that certain someone from Wilson during class . . . my adventures during swimming season . . . Washington, D. C. . . . Carl and Nunz wrestling Rail and me in gym class.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—Two terms as class president . . . the many troubles with his girls from Wilson . . . his willingness to work . . . his swimming ability . . . that job at the playground during the summer . . . one of our leading characters in the junior class play.

ACTIVITIES—Camera 1; Class President 3, 4; Cooking 1; Dramatics 1, 3, 4; Foreign Letter Exchange 1; Hi-Y 2; Library 1, 2, Treasurer 2; Math Club, Vice President 2; Monitor 3; Sr. Sportsman 1, 2, 3, 4; VAQUERO 2, 3, 4; Athletic Association 1; Basketball 3; Football 2; Swimming 2, 3, 4.

Florence Grace Horn

"Flossie" *Commercial*

I'LL NEVER FORGET—Our unvictorious hockey team . . . Miss Kochel's homeroom . . . Mr. Himmelberger . . . Mr. Waldron's art classes . . . our class motto, "Bring in your money" . . . our well-organized class meetings . . . Mr. Naylor's general ledger girls.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—Working at the Penn . . . her West Chester man . . . all the trouble she had with the Christmas cards . . . backing up the line in hockey . . . her wonderful pals, Joan and Geno.

ACTIVITIES—Banking 3, 4; Camera 1; Figurine Painting 3; Jr. Chorus 1; LARIAT 4; Library 1, 2, 3; MacDowell 2, 3, 4; Monitor 3, 4; Jr. National Honor Society 1; Y-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4; Athletic Association 2, 3, 4, Secretary 2; Hockey 1, 2, 3, 4.

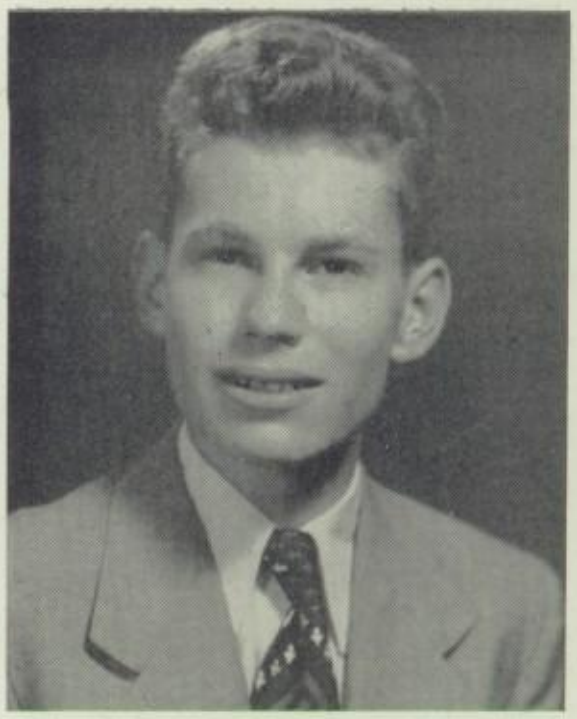
Kenneth Rodger Kern

"Enny" *Industrial Arts*

I'LL NEVER FORGET—The brothers (Gumma, Rail, Brother Busch, Meatball) . . . cop out periods (study halls) . . . Mr. Himmelberger . . . the Hattie . . . Miss Kochel . . . the mansion job . . . Pee Wee's car . . . Zan's house . . . Al's . . . Moe's cabinet . . . Buschie's experience . . . drawing class . . . Mr. Kessler and Mr. Hubley . . . "Jet" Goodman (Doll).

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—The troubles he always had in drawing class . . . his trying to become a good track runner . . . the good times he had driving Mr. Capaldi's car . . . landing in West Reading in ninth grade . . . his smart remarks . . . another one of the brothers.

ACTIVITIES—Sr. Graphic Arts 2, 3, 4; Stagecraft 4; Track 2.



Richard Arthur Klein

"Rich" *Academic*

I'LL NEVER FORGET—The Freshman-Sophomore dance . . . the junior class play . . . the fun I had in the driver training car . . . the erasure battle in German class . . . my usher job at the Penn Theatre.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—Excellent student . . . the trouble with Christmas cards . . . football manager . . . his ever faithful companion, Neil . . . his sense of humor . . . shy manner . . . his disinterest in the opposite sex.

ACTIVITIES—Assembly Committee 4; Class Play 3; Cooking 1; Crafts 1; Hi-Y 2; LARIAT 2, 3, 4; Monitor 3, 4; National Honor Society 1, 2, 3, 4, Vice President 4; Science 2, 3, 4; Sr. Graphic Arts 1; VAQUERO 4; Baseball, Manager 3, 4; Football, Manager 4.

Bonnie Larue Knappenberger

"Knappy" *Commercial*

I'LL NEVER FORGET—Leaving and coming back to West Reading . . . Mr. Himmelberger . . . those dances in gym class . . . typing for the LARIAT . . . Mr. Naylor and his Banking Club . . . my endless nicknames . . . Mr. Manwiller's little bird . . . my silly moods . . . the neat kids in West Reading . . . our Johnny Ray Fan Club . . . senior class . . . Sis, Marilyn, and our gang . . . Chas . . . driver training.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—Typing for the LARIAT . . . her commercial ability . . . her loyalty to Banking Club . . . her many boyfriends . . . that faithful pal, "Sis".

ACTIVITIES—Banking 3, 4; Costume 3; Figurine Painting 3; LARIAT 3, 4, Head Typist 4.

Stanley Frank Kulaga, Jr.

"Stan" *Academic*

I'LL NEVER FORGET—Mr. Yeich's weird sense of humor . . . his English classes . . . Mr. Hubley and algebra class . . . Mr. Koch . . . coming to West Reading in sixth grade . . . Mr. Manwiller and Mrs. Gresh . . . that "Heavenly Mountain" on the third floor . . . school trips . . . those double dates . . . Larry . . . first birthday party (16th year) . . . French class . . . fellow seniors . . . Joan.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—Our mathematical brain . . . working at Chaffe's . . . running the projector . . . announcing the football games . . . those flashy belts and socks . . . our future chef . . . his better half, Joan.

ACTIVITIES—Camera 1; Crafts 1; Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Jr. Art 1; LARIAT, Photographer 4; MacDowell 3, 4; National Honor Society, Treasurer 3, 4; Orchestra 3; Sr. Graphic Arts 2, 4; Stagecraft 2, 3, 4; VAQUERO, Literary Editor 2; Athletic Association 2.

Lynn Ann Leinbach

"Lynnie" *General*

I'LL NEVER FORGET—German class . . . my accident with Rita . . . our trip to the shore . . . all the fun at the pool . . . water pageants . . . Nancy, Bernie, Marl, and Lynne . . . Miss Kochel . . . terrific times with Mrs. Wagner (Rita Marie) . . . her wedding . . . raising up at basketball and hockey practice . . . Croll and Keck . . . my entire senior year.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—Her job at Croll and Keck . . . ambition to be a Physical Education teacher . . . her everchanging lovelife . . . athletic ability . . . endless games written for the LARIAT . . . her attractive wardrobe . . . the Chrysler . . . her everlasting love for Rita Marie.

ACTIVITIES—Assembly Committee 3; Class Play 3, 4; Dramatics 4; Health Committee 2, 4; Jr. Chorus 1; Knit and Purl 1; LARIAT 1, 2, 3, 4, Girls' Sports Editor 3, 4; Monitor 3; VAQUERO 3, 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Hockey 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1; Volleyball 1, 2.

Joan Marie McKently

"Mac" *Commercial*

I'LL NEVER FORGET—The first time Joan P. and I had the car . . . Mr. Himmelberger . . . driver training . . . ninth grade . . . the trouble we had decorating for the Honor Society dance when I was in ninth grade . . . initiation . . . the fun my friends and I had . . . my senior year . . . my alma mater . . . Latin class . . . Stan . . . my friends . . . the Altoona Convention . . . the LARIAT and VAQUERO . . . those ninth grade trips . . . my first formal.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—Art editor for VAQUERO . . . news editor for LARIAT . . . her ability to get things done . . . her job at Pomeroy's . . . playing hockey . . . our future Medical Secretary . . . her better half, Stan.

ACTIVITIES—Banking 3; Class Play 4; Debate 3; LARIAT 1, 2, 3, 4, News Editor 4; MacDowell 2, 3, 4, President 4; National Honor Society 1; VAQUERO 3, 4, Art Editor 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4, Publicity Chairman 4; Hockey 1, 2; Tennis 2.

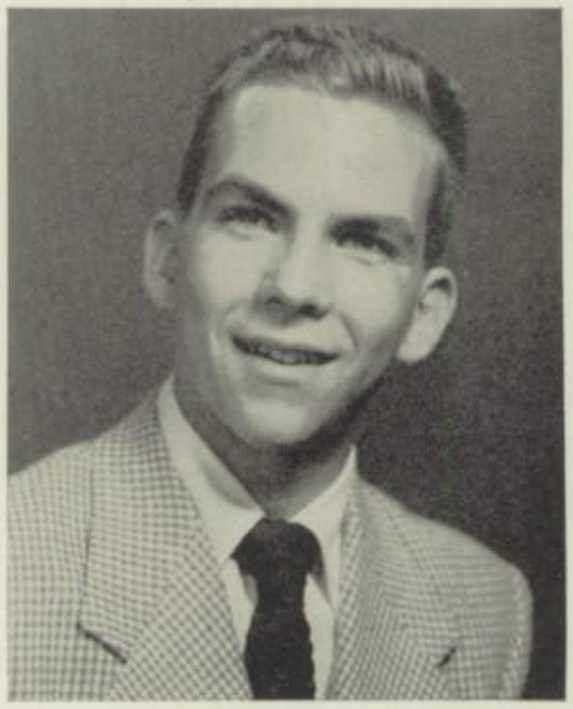
Barry Fox Merritt

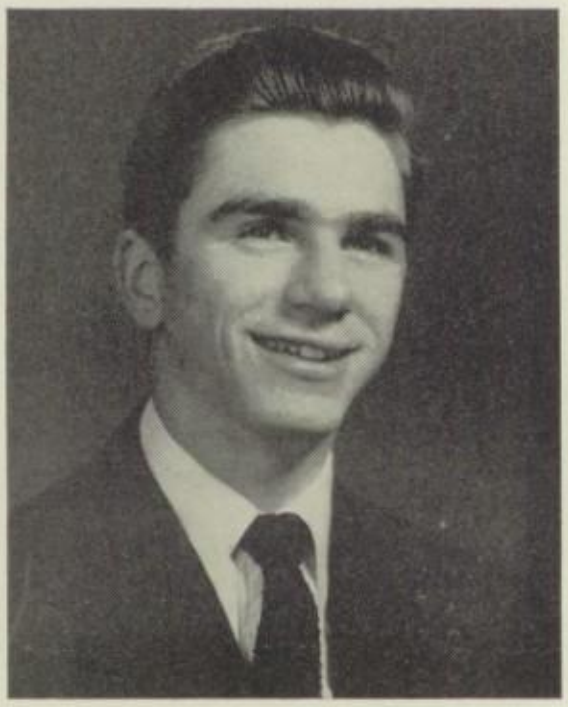
"Fox" *General*

I'LL NEVER FORGET—Mr. Kessler and Mr. Hubley . . . Larry and Bill and our trips to Wyomissing . . . Mr. Linn's promises . . . Mr. Himmelberger's classes . . . class trips . . . when "Rebel" came to our school . . . those nights after work with "Reb" . . . my senior year . . . the Washington trip.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—Practical joker . . . that bouncy walk . . . his driving ability . . . his other half, the "Rebel" . . . those fascinating eyes . . . those moods . . . the trouble he had in history class . . . the way he could talk . . . his many girlfriends.

ACTIVITIES—Health Committee 1; Hi-Y 1, 2; Science 1, 2, 3; Sr. Sportsman 3, 4; Athletic Association 3; Basketball 1, 2; Football 1, 3; Swimming 3; Archery, President 4.





Richard Henry Miller

"Dick" *Academic*

I'LL NEVER FORGET—The fun Dan and I had working for the janitors . . . my adventures with Larry . . . the time I fell in the creek . . . the football team . . . the North Side gang . . . W. R. H. S. . . . dances . . . the class . . . my senior year . . . what I remember.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—His quiet manner . . . one of Moe's and Buschie's buddies . . . his many trips to Wyomissing with Barry . . . another one of the few seniors on the football team.

ACTIVITIES—Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Dance Band 3, 4; Class Play 4; Orchestra 2, 3, 4, Librarian 4; Basketball 1; Football 3, 4.

Fredric Lee Moser

"Moe" *Academic*

I'LL NEVER FORGET—Coming to West Reading in seventh grade . . . my three years on the J. V. football team . . . the fun I had with the class of "53" . . . my "52" shops project (unfinished) . . . the eighth grade trips . . . my teachers.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—Often seen but seldom heard . . . his ability to shoot a shotgun . . . that unfinished project . . . the trouble he had in shops . . . his ability to drive that "Olds" . . . his getting lost in the forest . . . his love for the out of doors.

ACTIVITIES—Camera 1; Jr. Art 1, 2, 3; Art 4; Sr. Graphic Arts 2, 3; Sr. Sportsman 1, 2; Football 2, 3, 4.

Georgene Olwine

"Geno" *Commercial*

I'LL NEVER FORGET—My speech classes in grade school . . . the name that stuck, "George" . . . the skirt I made in Home Economics . . . my neat friends . . . being stranded in the middle of Broad Street during our tenth grade trip to Philadelphia . . . going for my driving test . . . the trip to Hershey with Joan . . . my character parts in the class plays.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—"Mother Apple" . . . her shyness and quiet voice . . . lazy walk . . . warming the bench in hockey . . . her dislike for boys . . . her frank manner . . . Floss and Joan, her faithful friends . . . her job at Whitner's . . . that nickname, "George".

ACTIVITIES—Banking 4; Class Secretary 2; Class Play 3, 4; Dramatics 2, 3, 4; Jr. Art 1; LARIAT 1, 2, 3; MacDowell 2, 3, 4; Monitor 3, 4; Publicity 3; VAQUERO 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Hockey 1, 2, 3, 4; Jr. Chorus 1.

Joan Bosher Phillips

"Lefty" *Academic*

I'LL NEVER FORGET—Coming to W. R. H. S. in tenth grade . . . George and Floss . . . Coplay game "52" . . . the time we spilled sulphuric acid in chemistry . . . Miss Kochel and Mr. Himmelberger . . . the time I took Joan, Floss, and George for a ride . . . driver training . . . my silly spells and how they affected Joan . . . eleventh and twelfth grade English classes . . . my swell friends . . . Jim.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—Her one ambition to be a nurse . . . her many talks about Scotland, Pennsylvania . . . working at the Penn . . . that certain Marine reserve, "Otto" . . . that laugh . . . her faithful friends, Floss and George.

ACTIVITIES—Fancy Work Club 3; LARIAT 2, 3, 4; Library 2; Monitor 3, 4; VAQUERO 3, 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4.

Nancy Ann Piscitelli

"Fritz" *Academic*

I'LL NEVER FORGET—My first prom with Billy . . . those dream typing classes . . . my first hockey game . . . the classes with Mr. Kessler and Mr. Hubley . . . Home Economics classes . . . our many class trips . . . cheerleading . . . our class plays . . . my entire senior year.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—Drum Corps girl . . . her everlasting vim . . . powerful soprano at MacDowell gatherings . . . her steady streams of conversation . . . her Home Economics ability . . . that walk.

ACTIVITIES—Assembly Committee 1; Band 3, 4; Class Play 3, 4; Debate 3; Dramatics 1, 3, 4; Foreign Letter Exchange 1; Health Committee 1; Hospitality Committee 2; Jr. Chorus 1; Knit and Purl 1; LARIAT 2, 3, 4, Assistant Circulation Manager 4; MacDowell 2, 3, 4; Monitor 3, 4; VAQUERO 2, 3, 4; Y-Teens 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Hockey 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 2; Cheerleading 1, 2, 3, 4.

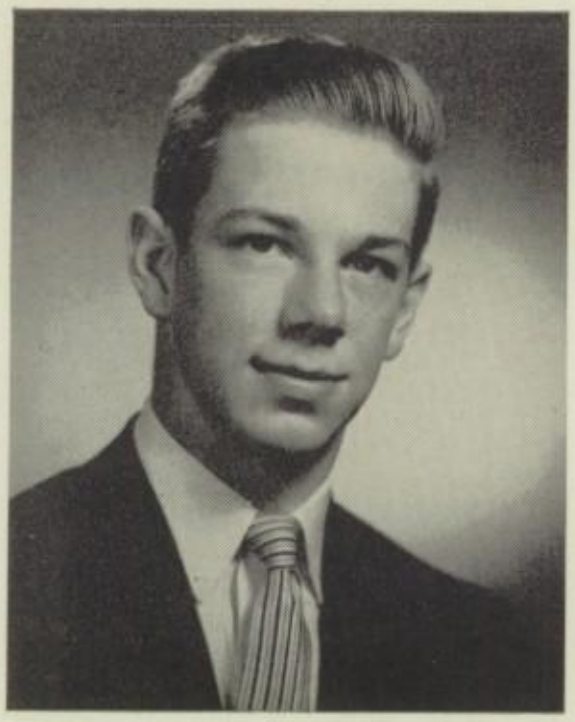
Shirley Joan Potteiger

"Shirl" *Commercial*

I'LL NEVER FORGET—My early morning ride to school . . . Mr. Manwiller's promised fraulein . . . banking club . . . our first year shorthand . . . Christmas party with Miss Martin . . . W.R.P.C. Drum and Bugle Corps . . . driver training with the "Heavenly Mountain" . . . my troubles . . . our class.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—Her commercial ability . . . good marks . . . loyalty to drum corps . . . her flame . . . that job at Mary Hoyer's . . . her good friend, Joan . . . the distance she had to come in order to get to school.

ACTIVITIES—Banking 3, 4; Camera 1; Class Vice President 1; Costume 2, 3; Jr. Chorus 1; Knit and Purl 1; LARIAT 1, 2, 3, 4, Head Proofreader 4; Library 2; VAQUERO 4; Athletic Association 1.



Larry Malone Rentschler

"Lar" *Academic*

I'LL NEVER FORGET—Those notorious English and history classes . . . talks with Mrs. Gresh and Miss Fritz . . . the episodes with Barry and Dick . . . fun with Stan . . . times with Gene . . . our undefeated football team . . . parties . . . weekends.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—Our Yale man . . . his philosophy of life . . . his dainty form while running . . . class debater . . . Student Council president . . . his parties . . . our capable quarterback of "52" . . . one of the instigators of frequent P.A.D. arguments.

ACTIVITIES—Art 1; Class Play 3; Crafts 1; Debate 3, 4; Foreign Letter Exchange, Vice President 1; Hi-Y, Chaplain 2, 3; LARIAT 2, 3, 4, Secretary-Treasurer 4; Math Club, President 2; Monitor 3; National Honor Society, President 3, 4; Science 1; Student Council 1, 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 2, Vice President 3, President 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Tennis 2.

Carol Ann Rosenkrance

"Rosie" *Academic*

I'LL NEVER FORGET—My first day at W.R.H.S. . . . driver training with Mr. Himmelberger . . . the conferences at Reading High . . . my debates with Mrs. Bolton . . . the LARIAT . . . the class plays . . . our trip to Altoona . . . MacDowell . . . those gab sessions with Millie and Joan . . . Millie's birthday party . . . Miss Gantz's determination to sing "Sweet and Low" in assembly . . . my senior year . . . graduation.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—That nickname . . . her scholastic ability . . . steady streams of conversation . . . her wonderful class pictures . . . her sudden interest in Reading High . . . her motherly roles in all the plays . . . her everendless job, the LARIAT.

ACTIVITIES—Class Play 3, 4; Debate 3; Dramatics 3, 4; LARIAT 2, 3, 4, Assistant Editor 3, Editor 4; MacDowell, Accompanist 2, 3, 4; Monitor 3; National Honor Society 3, 4, Secretary 4; Thespian 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4, Music Chairman 3, 4; Sextet, Accompanist 3, 4.

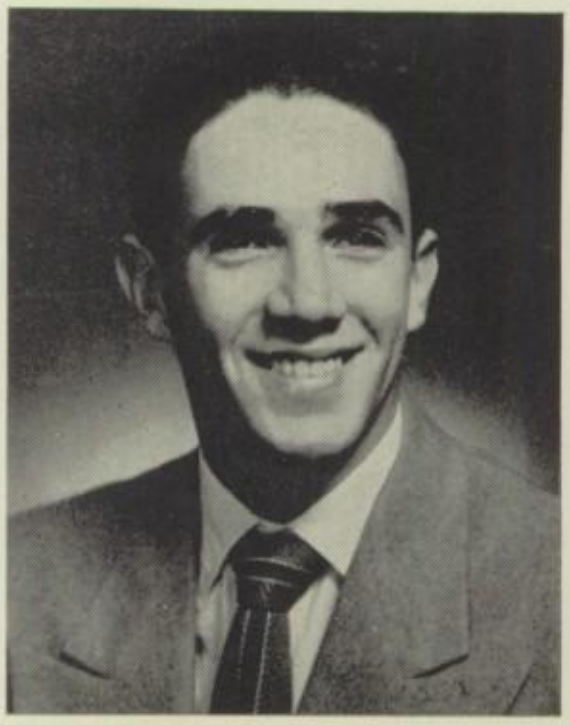
Barbara Loretta Schearer

"Bobby" *Commercial*

I'LL NEVER FORGET—My first year at W.R.H.S. . . . my first formal . . Rita . . our fun at the shore . . . my senior year . . . Bernie's bench warmers' club . . . Consumer Economics with Pat and Nunzio . . "Danny" . . . our faithful chaperon, Bill . . . those dream classes with Pat . . . our old gang . . . the Wyomissing football game . . . Larry's party in eleventh grade.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—Her generosity . . the pep she had as she cheered on our teams . . . her ability to play basketball . . . sextet . . . our very capable vice president . . . that boy in the junior class . . . job at Salon's . . . that Buick convertible.

ACTIVITIES—Assembly Committee 2; Class Vice President 3, 4; Class Play 3, 4; Costume, President 3; Dramatics 4; Figurine Painting 3; Hospitality Committee 4; Jr. Chorus, Vice President 1; LARIAT 1, 2, Co-Advertising Manager 2; MacDowell 2, 3, 4; Librarian 4; VAQUERO, Advertising Manager 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 3, Secretary 4; Basketball 3, 4.



James Francis Scheibner

"Slip" *General*

I'LL NEVER FORGET—The surprise New Year's party at my house . . . the fun with Rail and the brothers . . . football practice . . . Larry's parties . . . how we got our *man* . . . the night Dave, Bill, Larry, Gene, Barry, Reb, and I went for "a walk" at the Y-Teen square dance . . . the party at Bill's house . . . Ginny's understanding ways . . . the day I almost lost my career.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—His loyalty as a monitor . . . his sarcastic wisecracks . . . the day he came to W.R.H.S. . . . his many love affairs . . . our ever faithful end in football . . . one of the hard workers in our class . . . his favorite class, P.A.D.

ACTIVITIES—Class Play 3, 4, MacDowell 4; Monitor, President 4; Sr. Sportsman 4; Stagecraft 3, 4; Football 4; Activities Committee 4.

Bernadine Mae Spangenberg

"Bernie" *Academic*

I'LL NEVER FORGET—The fun the gang had in the garage on Spruce Street . . . tenth grade trip to Philadelphia . . . the time Haasie and I went to Wildwood . . . playing in the band . . . German classes . . . working at Brison's . . . class plays . . . Haasie, Lynn, Marilyn, Lynne, and Snoozer . . . W.R.H.S.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—Her pride and joy, Snoozer . . . her broken nose . . . short stature . . . the car she never got . . . flute soloist . . . cheerleading ability . . . small but mighty . . . her rushing to school at the last bell . . . studying for college boards.

ACTIVITIES—Assembly Committee, Chairman 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Play 3, 4; Costume 2; Debate 3; Hospitality Committee, Chairman 3; Jr. Chorus 1; MacDowell 2, 3, 4, Secretary-Treasurer 4; Jr. National Honor Society 1; Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4, Librarian 3; Student Council 3, 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4, Interclub Representative 4; Athletic Association 2; Basketball 3; Hockey 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 2; Cheerleading 1, 2, 3, 4.

Virginia Ann Stehman

"Ginny" *Academic*

I'LL NEVER FORGET—Wonderful times with Jerry . . . hockey . . . trip to Chicago . . . episodes with our cars . . . Bernie's cake . . . day we saw Nixon . . . Marilyn, Lynne, and Pat . . . going around circles with Nancy . . . Carole Griffey . . . Mr. Kessler . . . German class . . . Miss Kochel and Miss Gantz . . . my senior year . . . my class.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—Her superb sense of humor . . . our tardy girl . . . her ever faithful, Jerry . . . terrific alto in sextet . . . capable Y-Teen president . . . lifetime ambition to be a nurse . . . dependable hockey goalie . . . lending a helping hand to everyone's problems . . . pep in leading the crowd to cheer.

ACTIVITIES—Assembly Committee, Secretary 1; Class Treasurer 3, 4; Class Play 3, 4; Dramatics 3, 4; Hospitality Committee 2, 3, 4; Jr. Chorus, Librarian 1; Knit and Purl 1; LARIAT 1, 2, 3, 4, Circulatoin Manager 4; Library 1, 2; MacDowell 2, 3, 4; VAQUERO 2, 3, 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4, President 4; Basketball, Assistant Manager 3; Hockey 4; Sextet 3, 4.

Donald George Stout, Jr.

"Worms" *General*

I'LL NEVER FORGET—Those J. V. basketball games . . . those eighth grade class trips . . . the good times I had playing varsity football . . . Mr. Manwiller's little birdie . . . those good eating times in health class . . . the time I slept in Mrs. Bolton's English class . . . the week I had in Jr. Hi-Y at the Y.M.C.A. when all the kids had full privileges . . . the times I had in Mr. Leininger's room.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—Small-fry of the class . . . all around sports ability . . . his early morning job . . . that friendly manner . . . his corny jokes . . . those flashy shirts.

ACTIVITIES—Hi-Y 1; Jr. Art 1; Science 2; Sr. Sportsman 1, 2, 3, 4; Stagecraft 3, 4; Athletic Association 3; Baseball 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2.

Curtis Theodore Wagner

"Curt" *General*

I'LL NEVER FORGET—The trips in town with Ralph in the Ford . . . learning to drive . . . the meetings at Wertz's . . . taking trips in Lud's Studebaker . . . our little party at Lud's farm . . . working at the Penn Theatre.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—His friendly manner . . . his always taking that dog for a walk . . . that hot car . . . the great monitor . . . his quick temper . . . his German ability . . . those flashy swimming trunks . . . his love for math.

ACTIVITIES—Monitor 4; Science 2, 3; Sr. Sportsman 4.

Marilyn Joyce Wertz

"Marilyn" *Academic*

I'LL NEVER FORGET—My close companion, Lynne . . . cheering at all the games . . . Bud . . . neat Home Economics classes . . . three trips around the track in hockey . . . class trips . . . my swell friends . . . my senior year . . . graduation.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—Athletic Association president . . . faithful cheerleader . . . Bud's gift — Lexington . . . her sports ability . . . short stature . . . those trips to Ann Street . . . the Buick . . . one of the girls.

ACTIVITIES—Athletic Association 2, 3, 4, President 4; Class Play 3, 4; Dramatics 3, 4; Jr. Art 1; Jr. Chorus 1; LARIAT 2, 3, 4; MacDowell 2, 3, 4; Monitor 3; National Honor Society, President 1, 2; Student Council 1; VAQUERO 2, 3, 4, Assistant Business Manager 3, Business Manager 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4, Vice President 4, Program Chairman 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Hockey 1, 2, 3, 4, Co-Captain 4; Cheerleading 1, 2, 3, 4, Captain 1, 4, Volleyball 2.

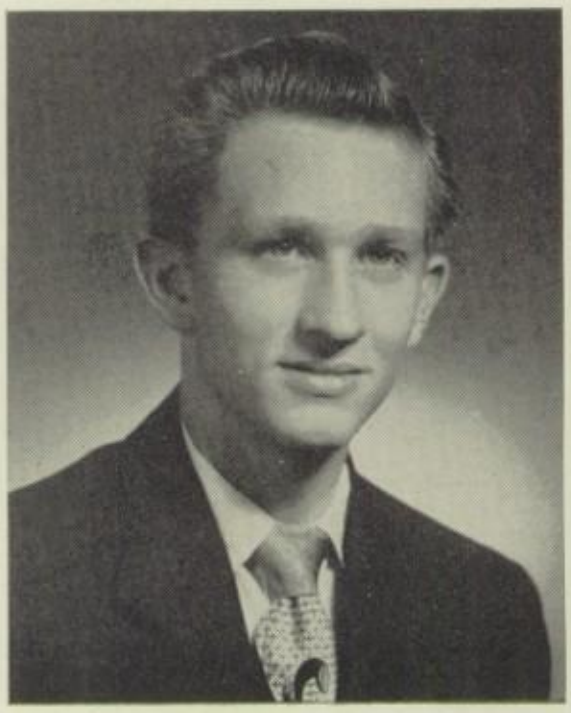
Harold Ray Witwer

"Rail" *Industrial Arts*

I'LL NEVER FORGET—The brothers . . . Saturday night at John's . . . Friday nights at Griffey's . . . copping out of classes . . . playing cards at the playground . . . the "mansion" . . . New Year's Eve at Scheibner's . . . the flagpole . . . "Jet" Goodman . . . "Brother" Busch . . . "Gumma" Joe . . . "Enny" Ern . . . Miss Kochel . . . Mr. Himmelberger.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—His way of expressing himself . . . that hearty laugh . . . those blond locks . . . the late arrivals to class . . . his loud trumpet playing at the football games . . . his sudden interest in girls . . . one of the brothers.

ACTIVITIES—Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary-Treasurer 4; MacDowell 4; Monitor 3; Orchestra 3, 4, Vice President 4; Sr. Sportsman 2, 3; Athletic Association 1; Basketball 1; Football 2, 3.



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Joseph Bowers — "Ladies' Man"
Robert Bright — Our All-American Tackle
Mildred Brunner — model senior
Donald Busch — shyest guy
Rita Cardinal — most attractive girl
Nunzio Cucinotta — most emotional
Carl Engle — most musically inclined
Neil Epler — our best manager
David Geiss — most handsome boy
Lynne Hagenbuch — most domestic girl
Nancy Haas — class actress
Patricia Hessinger — first to get married
Wilma Hiester — best natured
William Hinnershitz — the "I don't care" boy
Florence Horn — quietest girl
Kenneth Kern — most eligible bachelor
Richard Klein — quietest boy
Bonnie Knappenberger — greatest giggler
Stanley Kulaga — most domestic boy
Lynn Leinbach — best girl athlete
Barry Merritt — biggest schemer
Joan McKently — most feminine
Richard Miller — "Woman Hater"
Fredric Moser — our nature boy
Georgene Olwine — shyest girl
Joan Phillips — our "Florence Nightingale"
Nancy Piscitelli — dizziest
Shirley Potteiger — most businesslike
Larry Rentschler — class politician
Carol Rosenkrance — most temperamental
Barbara Schearer — friendliest
James Scheibner — class flirt
Bernadine Spangenberg — most talkative
Virginia Stehman — class clown
Donald Stout — "Modest Maiden"
Curt Wagner — class "hot-rod"
Marilyn Wertz — peppiest girl
Harold Witwer — laziest

Senior Snaps

"MEATBALL"

"THOSE SENIOR GALS"

"FLOSS + LEFTY"

"CARL"

"LOCKER TIME"

"Athletic TYPE"

"MONZ"

"REFRESHMENT STAND AT FOOTBALL GAMES"

"UP YOU GO"

"GENO"

"ATLANTIC CITY FOURSOME"

"MARILYN"

"CLASS TIME"

"SNOOZER"

Senior Snaps

"KING REX & LITTLE REX"

"The GANG"

"BARRY"

"LYNN"

"MARI-

LYN"

"Kess"

"LEXINGTON"

"CARI & NUNZ"

"CURT & RICH"

"KEN, DIZ, & BARRY"

"The SAD LORDS"

"HASTE"

"RITA"

"Bobby"

"LYNN"

"BON"

"DOWN YOU GO"

"LARRY, DON, & MEATBALL"

"Y-TEEN SHIN-DIG"

"BERNIE"

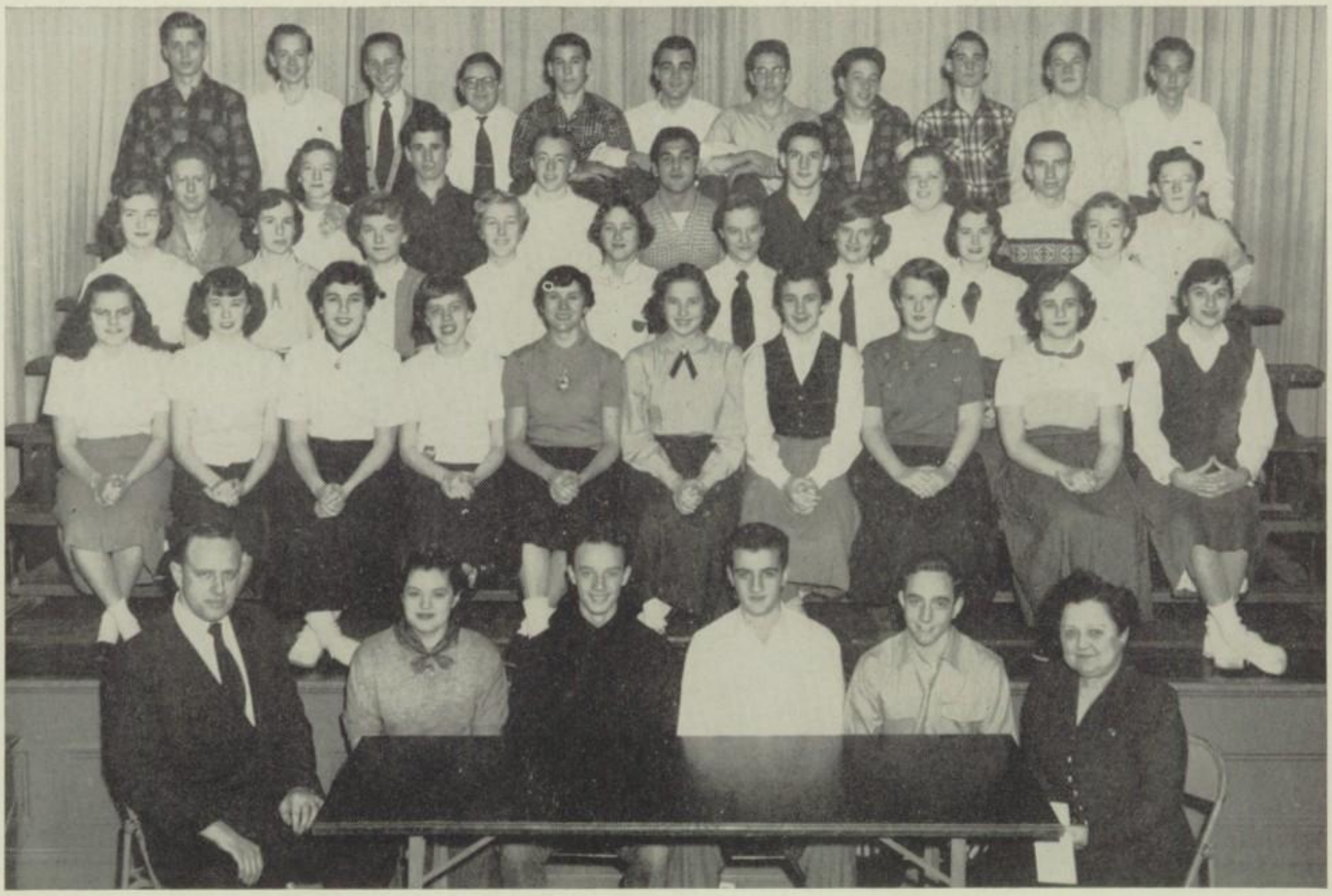
"Bobby & Rita"

"LYNN, NUNZ, & CARI"

Class Prophecy

SENIOR	WANTS TO BE	WILL BE
Joseph Bowers	navy man	hair stylist
Robert Bright	professional bum	Philadelphia Eagle tackle
Mildred Brunner	teacher	Queen of the Amazons
Donald Busch	carpenter	girl lover
Rita Cardinal	hairdresser	Powers model
Nunzio Cucinotta	carpenter	fruitman
Carl Engle	musician	roving cassanova
Neil Epler	plumber	Coney Island life guard
David Geiss	band leader	movie star
Lynne Hagenbuch	Home Ec. teacher	a man's lady
Nancy Haas	nurse	female stock car champion
Patricia Hessinger	X-Ray technician	owner of Reading Hospital
Wilma Hiester	air line stewardess	physique builder
William Hinnershitz	cashier	first millionaire of class
Florence Horn	secretary	movie matron
Kenneth Kern	navy man	proprietor of billiard academy
Richard Klein	engineer	Charles Antell
Bonnie Knappenberger	secretary	farmer's wife
Stanley Kulaga	chef	first man on the moon
Lynn Leinbach	physical education teacher	lady wrestler
Barry Merritt	interior decorator	owner of Chinese restaurant
Joan McKently	medical secretary	soda jerk
Richard Miller	salesman	snake charmer
Fredric Moser	forest ranger	cowboy
Georgene Olwine	Air Force WAF	police woman
Joan Phillips	nurse	seamstress
Nancy Piscitelli	nurse	currently appearing in Madame Butterfly
Shirley Potteiger	secretary	palm reader
Larry Rentschler	engineer	2nd U. S. president from Penna.
Carol Rosenkrance	nurse	lady senator
Barbara Schearer	housewife	moral booster
James Scheibner	Marine	future Atlas
Bernadine Spangenberg	German teacher	traveling speaker
Virginia Stehman	nurse	2nd Dorothy Dix
Curt Wagner	truck driver	cemetery caretaker
Marilyn Wertz	Home Ec. teacher	editor of a book, "Buddy"
Donald Stout	candy maker	Olympic weight lifting star
Harold Witwer	Marine	bodyguard

Underclassmen



FIRST ROW—(*left to right*): Mr. Himmelberger, *Adviser*; S. Bertolet, R. Hafer, A. Chirico, R. Daiello, Miss Fritz, *Adviser*.

SECOND ROW—D. Kulaga, P. Herb, F. LeVan, L. Stoudt, B. Nelson, M. Scholl, S. Dauber, M. Balmer, G. Remley, J. D'Angelo.

THIRD ROW—B. Light, M. Schleicher, M. Maley, R. Karper, S. Swoyer, B. Heilman, S. Greene, J. Williams, J. Fisher.

FOURTH ROW—W. Reinert, M. Sweitzer, D. Grab, J. Bordic, F. Rapino, D. Ciervo, P. Fletcher, G. Schwartz, G. Bowers.

FIFTH ROW—E. Kohl, W. Ellis, R. Knouse, G. Keim, D. McAlees, T. Gabriel, R. Hussey, J. Parker, J. Poole, J. Naugle, R. Goll.

ABSENT—N. Holdeman.

Junior Class

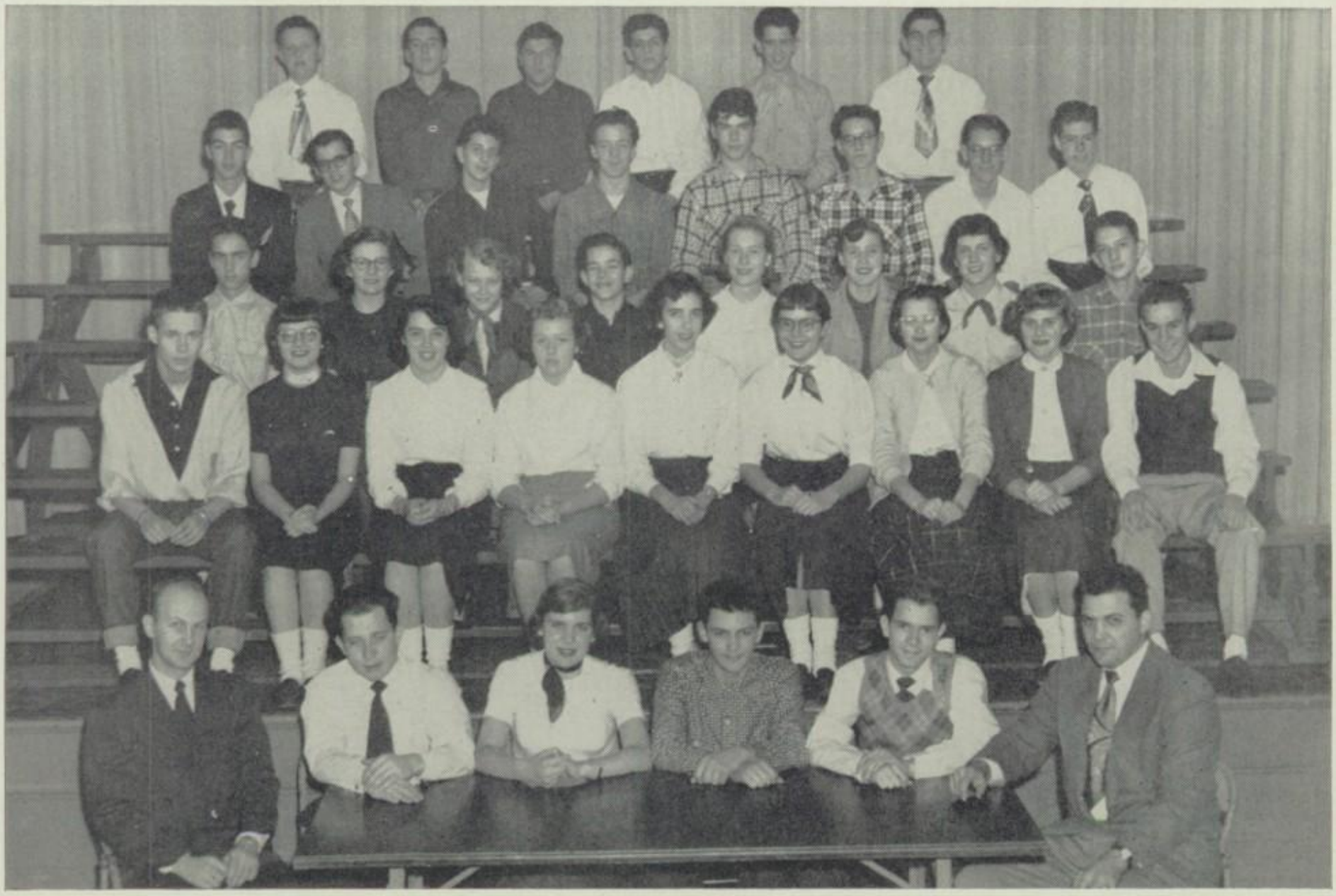
OFFICERS

Russell Daiello ..... *President*
Anthony Chirico ..... *Vice President*
Nancy Holdeman ..... *Secretary*
Ronald Hafer ..... *Treasurer*

Look out! Here comes that whirlwind class that is always up to some big doings. Ever since September, when they participated in hockey, football, cheering, and selling football programs, they've kept on rolling. October found them busily preparing for their very successful Hallowe'en dance, "Spook Stomp". Getting measured for class rings was another big thing in the junior class history.

Starting the new year off right, they got busy on plans for West Reading High's own "Inauguration Ball". Right after this they began work on the class play, "My Friend Irma". Class rings arrived and every junior's ego went up a notch as he slipped it on for the first time.

Throughout the year many of the members of the class of '54 participated in and cheered at all the sports events including football, basketball (J. V., varsity, and girls), baseball, track, hockey, and cheerleading. Serving as president for his third consecutive year was Russell Daiello. Anthony Chirico was vice president; Nancy Holdeman, secretary; and Ronald Hafer, treasurer. Capable advisers were Miss Mabel Fritz and Mr. Arthur Himmelberger.



FIRST ROW—(*left to right*): Mr. Bilger, *Adviser;* J. Rogers, P. Shindle, J. Parsons, G. Heiser, Mr. Koch, *Adviser.*

SECOND ROW—D. Jenkins, D. Wells, P. Byrne, C. Brown, J. Dracoules, J. Cuifici, J. Damore, J. Minnich, A. Scalese.

THIRD ROW—J. Long, S. Rissmiller, E. Achenbach, L. Meglathery, D. Bryson, P. Wanner, E. Gentile, C. Keller.

FOURTH ROW—E. Berk, R. Kulaga, F. DeCarlo, R. Cartwright, E. McQuaid, K. Messner, R. Strubble, G. Brown.

FIFTH ROW—W. Kline, F. Morin, D. Rebholtz, D. Capozello, W. Damore, S. Stout.

Sophomore Class

OFFICERS

John Parsons ..... *President*
Patricia Shindle ..... *Vice President*
Gary Heiser ..... *Secretary*
James Rogers ..... *Treasurer*

"Here I am, finally in high school; I can hardly believe it!" This was said by many a Sophomore in September, 1952. Then on that fatal day of September 26, the Class of "55" bowed to the mighty Juniors, and it was all very real.

During the fall days, if you had walked down to the playground, you would have found the boys working hard at football practice, and Miss Cilley putting the girls through the paces for coming hockey games.

In late November the class hats arrived, and you could see the snazzy blue and gold hats adorned by every Sophomore.

Christmas came, and also the biggest social event of the year for the Sophomore class — their annual Christmas party on December 22.

After Christmas, basketball claimed much of the Sophomores' time, as well as baseball, track, cheerleading, swimming, and intramural volleyball.

The Sophomores also belonged to many school activities including Mac-Dowell, Vaquero, Lariat, Y-Teens, Band, Orchestra, as well as National Honor Society, Guidance Committee, and Student Council.

Now, at the end of the Sophomore year, they are all looking forward to a prosperous and interesting year as Juniors. We all wish them luck.

FIRST ROW—(*left to right*): Mrs. Bolton, *Adviser;* A. Naylor, G. Rankey, S. Clemmer, R. Miller, Mr. Linn, *Adviser.*

SECOND ROW—P. Albert, P. Wilt, B. Wagoner, C. Lavigna, S. Flech, J. Harris, V. Ulrich, R. Fuicci, R. Borst.

THIRD ROW—A. Chirico, M. Wursch, N. Reigel, C. Wolfe, V. Hepler, L. Hertz, F. Mirenna, R. Smith.

FOURTH ROW—C. Strause, R. Reinert, K. Trout, M. Entzminger, G. Bowers, W. Grauert, R. McCarthy.

FIFTH ROW—R. White, L. Achenbach, J. Karper, R. Cardinal, F. Cremer, R. Haehnel.

ABSENT—R. Maley.

Freshman Class

OFFICERS

George Rankey ..... *President*
Shirley Clemmer ..... *Vice President*
Frank Cremer ..... *Secretary*
Albert Naylor ..... *Treasurer*

The Class of "56", under the supervision of Mr. Ray Linn and Mrs. Helen Bolton, have completed a successful and prosperous term as Freshmen in the high school.

Many members of the class took part in our athletic program. All our Freshmen who were on the football squad this year saw action. The junior high basketball team was composed mainly of Freshmen. Baseball and track were also given a lot of interest from the boys. The girls also displayed their sports ability as members of basketball and hockey, and they spearheaded the junior high cheerleaders.

The junior high dances proved to be a large item on their agenda, since this is the last year the Freshmen can participate in these dances. The highlight of the year is the dance when the king and queen of junior high school are crowned.

The activities at W.R.H.S. were filled with Freshmen, who aided in making the clubs successful. Music, journalism, art, and dramatics are just a few of the activities that they worked at with gusto.

EIGHTH GRADE

FIRST ROW—(*left to right*): Mr. Manwiller, *Adviser;* P. Rodgers, W. Feich, M. White, S. Koch, Mrs. Gresh, *Adviser.*

SECOND ROW—T. Campitelli, M. Marks, D. Stout, D. Remley, J. Kline, S. Floto, A. Voelker, J. Wells, K. Hiester, H. Rulapaugh, A. Thoma, T. Heinz.

THIRD ROW—L. Eppenstein, D. Ellis, L. Listroni, T. Haas, J. Fantilli, M. Ciervo, L. Eckber, D. Kisbaugh, J. Rossi, M. Stockholm, L. Ostroski, W. Haas.

FOURTH ROW—S. Behm, V. Spang, A. Ferraro, S. Noll, J. Vanino, D. Braun, B. Seigel, A. Witwer, S. Kreider, E. Guidara, C. Bansner, C. Batdorf.

FIFTH ROW—G. Messner, H. Zechman, L. Whitmoyer, B. Gring, C. Muschko, J. Feyl, E. Trout, J. Holdeman, M. Cochran, R. Burger, D. Williams.

SIXTH ROW—J. Marks, D. Goll, D. Lombardo.

SEVENTH GRADE

FIRST ROW—(*left to right*): Mrs. Brunner, *Adviser;* T. Young, S. Beyerle, J. Wentworth, P. Putnam, Mr. Shalter, *Adviser.*

SECOND ROW—D. Brunner, N. Shestok, P. Miller, S. Dunkelberger, D. Paolino, J. Savage, R. Hettinger, A. DeCamillo, L. Fox, G. Mertz, D. Werner, P. Troutman.

THIRD ROW—B. Imes, S. Manning, D. Bohn, J. Hepler, C. Sweigart, B. Entzminger, G. DiGuardi, J. Bowers, S. Poetter, L. Romig, E. Kissinger.

FOURTH ROW—L. Potteiger, E. Achenbach, D. McQuaid, M. Werner, S. Kissinger, M. Baum, R. Crocona, S. Gentile, M. Ciervo, S. Clewell, J. Holtzman.

FIFTH ROW—H. Sweitzer, T. Hegarty, W. Hill, B. Gring, H. Bewley, D. Lackwood, C. Ulrich, R. Gilbert, M. Remley, P. Fox, R. Smith, W. Nuss, C. Yoder, J. Ulrich.

Baby Pictures of Seniors

"JoAn"

"Dick"

"Geno"

"Bill"

"Stan"

"Pat"

"Barry"

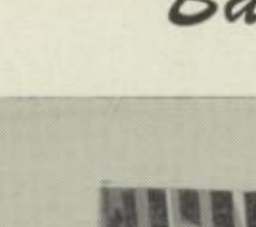
"Curt"

"Bobby"

"Shirl"

"Larry"

"Fiddle"


"Ginnifer"

"Bon"

"Marilyn"

"tip"

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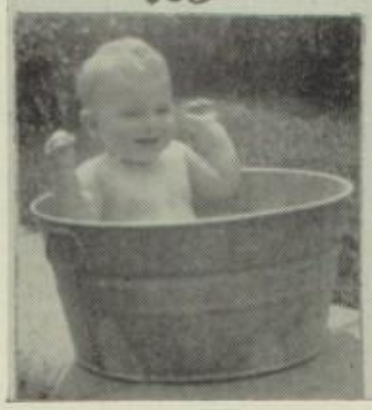
"Nancy"

"Mil"

"Rich"

"Haasie"

"Joe"



"Lefty"

"Dave"

"Kenny"

Activities

BARBARA HEILMAN "54"

FIRST ROW—(*left to right*): W. Hiester, J. McKently, S. Dauber, L. Hagenbuch, M. Wertz, B. Schearer, G. Schwartz, Mr. Bilger, *Adviser.*

SECOND ROW—J. Phillips, G. Olwine, S. Swoyer, M. Scholl, R. Karper, M. Balmer, P. Fletcher, J. Williams.

THIRD ROW—V. Stehman, P. Hessinger, N. Piscitelli, M. Brunner, J. Dracoules, P. Shindle, E. Gentile, J. Damore, J. Cuifici.

FOURTH ROW—L. Leinbach, N. Haas, C. Keller, R. Klein, N. Epler, W. Hinnershitz, J. Scheibner, S. Bertolet, A. Potteiger.

ABSENT—S. Potteiger, F. Horn, B. Knappenberger.

Vaquero

The staff of the 1953 Vaquero put this book to press hoping that those who read it will be reminded of all the events for which a high school life stands.

Earlier in the year, the Vaquero sent three of its staff to the P. S. P. A. conference in Altoona, Pennsylvania. Those who went were Lynne Hagenbuch, editor; Joan McKently, art editor; and Marilyn Wertz, business manager.

The following students comprise the various staffs listed below:

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FOURTH ROW—M. Balmer, L. Stoudt, R. Klein, M. Wertz, N. Haas, J. Poole, J. Cuifici, J. Parsons, C. Keller.

Lariat

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SECOND ROW—E. Kissinger, H. Zechman, C. Lavigna, F. Cremer, A. Chirico, J. Feyl, S. Rissmiller, R. Miller.

ABSENT—L. Leinbach.

Student Council

OFFICERS

President ..... Larry Rentschler
Vice President ..... Barbara Nelson
Secretary-Treasurer ..... Janice Cuifici

Student Council was organized for the purpose of creating and maintaining standards of good school citizenship with right attitudes, providing a means for participation in school government, and promoting the best interests.

The student governing body of West Reading High School has many projects this year. One of them was the sending of four delegates and an adviser to the State Student Council Convention at Forty-Fort, Pennsylvania on October 16, 17, and 18. They also sent representatives to the Berks County Conference of Student Councils held on November 7 at Reading High School.

Another project of Student Council was the selling of plastic book covers, designed with the bucking West Reading Cowboy on the front, to the students. They had two sport hops and held a cake sale to increase funds. During the year numerous amendments were made to the constitution.

The advisers for the year were Miss Frances Kochel, Mrs. Marjorie Henne, and Mr. Arthur Himmelberger.

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE

FIRST ROW—(*left to right*): Mrs. Bolton, *Adviser;* M. Scholl, P. Hessinger, B. Spangenberg, R. Klein, D. Kulaga, V. Hepler.

SECOND ROW—D. McQuaid, R. Gilbert, C. Batdorf, J. Holdeman, D. Wells, G. Rankey.

ABSENT—P. Wanner.

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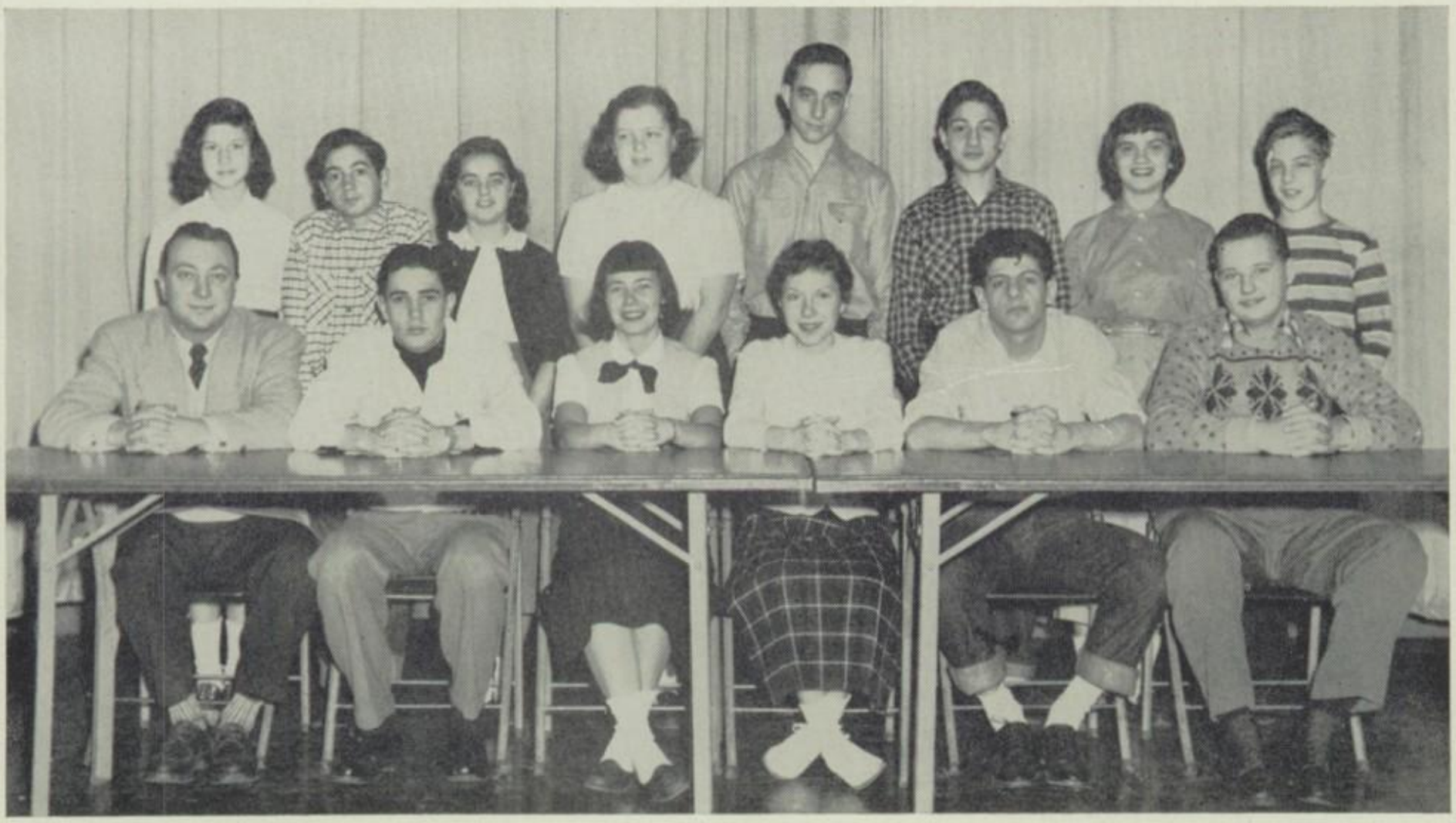

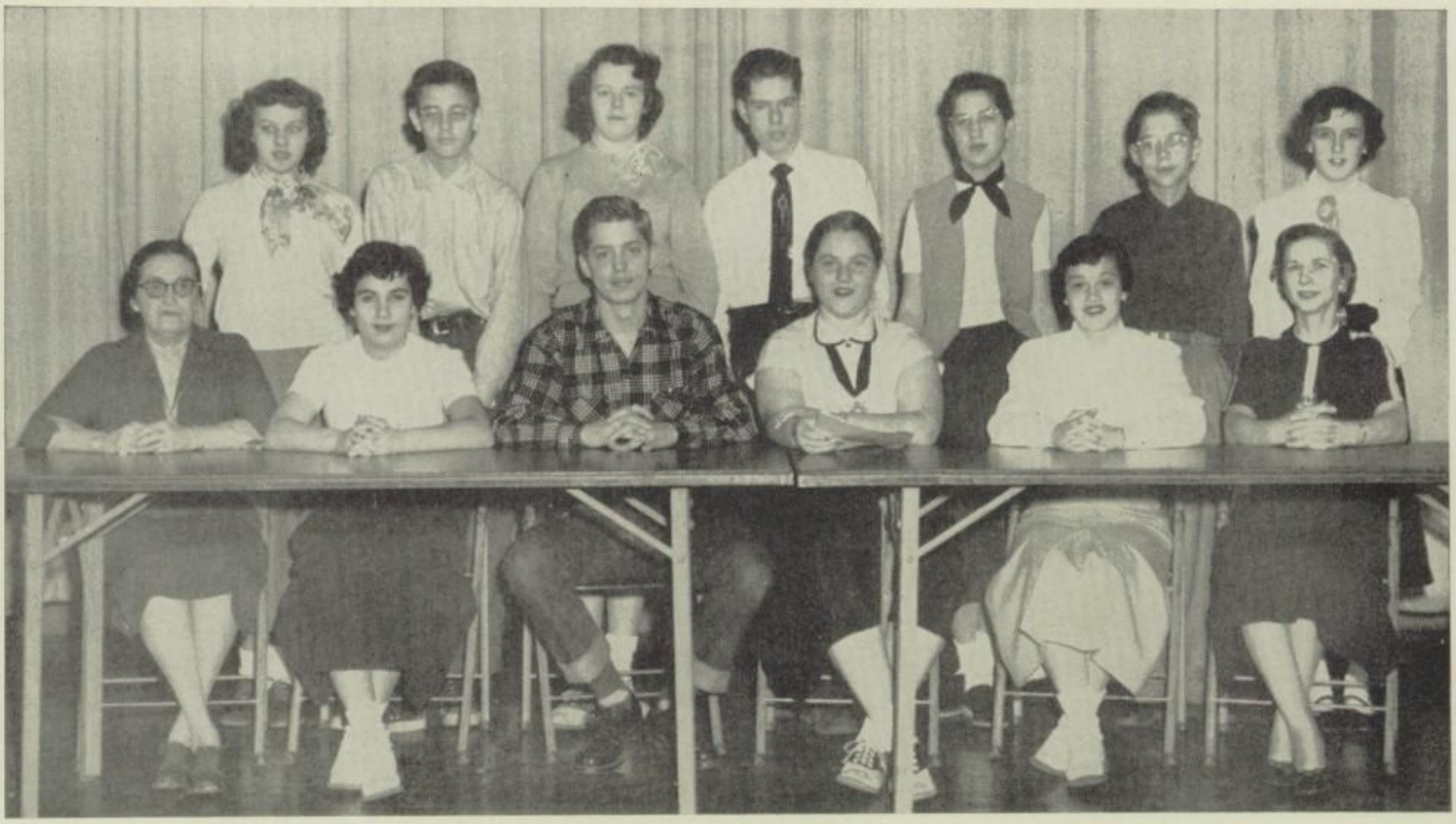

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FIRST ROW—(*left to right*): Mrs. Stanton, *Adviser;* F. LeVan, E. Kohl, J. Feyl, R. Cardinal, Mrs. Henne, *Adviser.*

SECOND ROW—C. Wolf, D. Goll, P. Wilt, G. Brown, P. Rodgers, C. Yoder, L. Romig.

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SECOND ROW—M. Werner, J. Holtzman, B. Seigel, C. Muschko, P. Herb.

ABSENT—R. Fuicci, R. McCarthy, E. Gentile.

MONITORS

FIRST ROW—(*left to right*): G. Olwine, R. Hafer, J. Scheibner, W. Hiester, A. Chirico, S. Swoyer.

SECOND ROW—Miss Fritz, *Adviser;* J. Phillips, F. Horn, M. Sweitzer, M. Balmer, R. Karper, Mrs. Gresh, *Adviser.*

THIRD ROW—D. Grab, R. Daiello, T. Gabriel, R. Hussey, G. Bordic, N. Epler.

FOURTH ROW—R. Knouse, R. Klein, C. Wagner, C. Engle.

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SECOND ROW—L. Meglathery, Mr. Naylor, *Adviser;* P. Byrne, G. Keim, G. Heiser, R. Knouse, J. Williams, J. Dracoules, Mr. Himmelberger, *Adviser;* M. Balmer.

FIRST ROW—(*left to right*): G. Rankey, C. Rosenkrance, S. Kulaga, L. Rentschler, R. Klein, J. Cuifici, R. Miller.

SECOND ROW—K. Messner, A. Potteiger, S. Rissmiller, R. Haehnel, P. Shindle, F. Cremer, J. Parsons.

National Honor Societies

OFFICERS

President ..... Larry Rentschler
Vice President ..... Richard Klein
Secretary ..... Carol Rosenkrance
Treasurer ..... Stanley Kulaga

To become a member of the Senior or Junior National Honor Society is the highest honor a student can attain in the course of his school career. These organizations are based on four principles: Character, Scholarship, Leadership, and Service. If, in the opinion of your teachers and classmates, you possess these qualities, you will be honored with membership to one of the Honor Societies.

The National Honor Societies arranged for the third time a series of special morning devotions during Holy Week. Each morning there was a special stage setting, a guest soloist, and a pastor, who gave a brief meditation on the theme of the day.

On November 15, the National Honor Societies had as their guests the football team, the coaching staff, and the entire student body of our school, as well as members of the Wyomissing National Honor Society and the Wyomissing football team at a victory dance. It marked the end of a successful football season and was held on the traditional "Battle of the Boroughs" day.

The last function of the Honor Societies was a dinner party given in honor of the graduating members of the organization.

At a joint induction ceremony held in the high school assembly, Friday, March 6, eight members were received into the senior group, and five into the junior group. These new members are Nancy Haas, Florence Horn, Bernadine Spangenberg, Russell Daiello, Suzanne Dauber, Jeanette Fisher, Robert Hussey, Barbara Nelson, Shirley Clemmer, Christine Batdorf, Leatrice Eckber, Joyce Feyl, and Harry Zechman. The continuing members are Richard Klein, Stanley Kulaga, Jr., Frank Cremer, Rudolph Haehnel, George Rankey, and Roger Miller.

FIRST ROW—(*left to right*): Miss Cilley, *Adviser*; Mr. Manwiller, *Adviser*; M. Wertz, S. Dauber, A. Scalese, Mr. Shaner, *Adviser*.

SECOND ROW—L. Stoudt, L. Hertz, L. Ostroski, K. Hiester, D. Brunner, A. DeCamillo, G. Mertz, G. Bowers, P. Fox.

THIRD ROW—P. Shindle, J. Cuifici, C. Bansner, S. Kreider, F. Mirenna, F. Horn, W. Hiester.

FOURTH ROW—D. Grab, N. Cucinotta, C. Engle, W. Damore, R. Cardinal, D. Ciervo.

Athletic Association

OFFICERS

President ..... Marilyn Wertz
Vice President ..... Suzanne Dauber
Secretary ..... Anthony Scalese
Treasurer ..... Mr. Evan Manwiller

This year's Athletic Association worked under the capable guidance of its president, Marilyn Wertz. With the aid of the seniors, the representatives sold refreshments at all the home football games. The evening after the Shillington game, they sponsored the annual homecoming dance in the gymnasium.

The association was organized to promote sports, encourage participation, and establish high standards of conduct and sportsmanship among players and spectators.

In February, as a windup to the 1952-53 basketball season, they sponsored two rollicking basketball games . . . the faculty vs. the senior boys and the varsity boys vs. the varsity girls.

At the close of the track season, the Athletic Association sponsored the W. R. I. S. T. Meet, an annual event which is held on the West Reading field the first Saturday in May. This was the largest job tackled by the organization. They did a commendable job in handling the refreshment stand, scoring the track totals, and planning the program.

Membership was restricted to two representatives from each homeroom, elected at the end of the year by the individual classes.

FIRST ROW—(*left to right*): G. Olwine, V. Stehman, M. Wertz, M. Scholl, N. Haas, B. Spangenberg, N. Piscitelli, C. Rosenkrance, Miss Gantz, *Adviser.*

SECOND ROW—B. Schearer, W. Hiester, L. Stoudt, P. Hessinger, S. Swoyer, F. Horn, S. Dauber, P. Herb.

THIRD ROW—R. Cardinal, R. Karper, E. Gentile, A. Potteiger, L. Hagenbuch, J. McKently, J. Fisher, P. Fletcher, J. Williams.

FOURTH ROW—M. Brunner, S. Rissmiller, P. Byrne, J. Dracoules, P. Shindle, J. Damore, J. Cuifici, P. Wanner, J. Minnich.

FIFTH ROW—C. Keller, R. Knouse, D. Geiss, C. Engle, J. Naugle, R. Goll, N. Epler, G. Brown, S. Stout.

MacDowell Chorus

OFFICERS

President ..... Joan McKently
Vice President ..... David Geiss
Secretary-Treasurer ..... Bernadine Spangenberg

One of the most popular activities among the senior high students is the MacDowell Choral Club. Under the direction of Miss Dorothy Gantz, the choral group has presented selections at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. They have also performed for P.T.A., the Reading Hospital, and many of the local churches.

The "Night of Music", co-starring the MacDowell and the Junior Chorus, highlighted the club's activities for the year.

The County Chorus, which claimed many MacDowell vocalists, made its debut in the All County Chorus Spring Concert. County Chorus members are as follows: Nancy Piscitelli, Patricia Herb, Virginia Stehman, Barbara Schearer, Elaine Gentile, Neil Epler, Richard Goll, and George Brown.

The sextet and quartet, the sugar and spice of the organization, add variety to programs with their colorful songs and dances. This year the quartet consists of Stanley Stout, Neil Epler, George Brown, Richard Goll, and Barry Gring, accompanist. The sextet is composed of Virginia Stehman, Barbara Schearer, Suzanne Dauber, Elaine Gentile, Amelia Potteiger, and Nancy Piscitelli. Carol Rosenkrance and Louise Stoudt serve as pianists for both the sextet and the choral club.

FIRST ROW—(*left to right*): D. Goll, G. Rankey, B. Gring, P. Troutman, T. Haas, A. Naylor, R. White.

SECOND ROW—J. Wells, S. Koch, A. DeCamillo, N. Reigel, C. Muschko, J. Kreider, L. Hertz, J. Harris, M. Marks, J. Savage, L. Fox.

THIRD ROW—L. Romig, S. Poetter, M. Ciervo, J. Hepler, S. Clemmer, S. Feick, S. Beyerle, C. Sweigart, J. Bowers, D. Kishbach, L. Eckber, Miss Gantz, *Adviser*.

FOURTH ROW—S. Gentile, J. Kline, B. Wagoner, A. Chirico, M. Wursch, A. Ferraro, S. Noll, A. Witwer, B. Seigel, D. Braun, B. Imes.

FIFTH ROW—D. McQuaid, S. Kissinger, S. Clewell, L. Potteiger, J. Holtzman.

SIXTH ROW—C. Batdorf, A. Voelker, S. Behm, J. Holdeman, B. Gring, S. Floto, R. Haehnel, C. Bansner, V. Hepler, P. Wilt, C. Lavigna.

ABSENT—R. Maley.

Junior Chorus

During the past school season, the Junior Chorus has proven itself to be one of the most enterprising and enthusiastic groups in our school. The group is under the direction of Miss Dorothy Gantz, and it is actually supposed to be a training course for the student before he enters MacDowell Chorus. In past years, anyone could join the Junior Chorus, but because of the large number coming out for it this year, they were selected.

This organization is composed of junior high school boys and girls, who do both two and three part singing, with Barry Gring, Beverly Gring, and Leatrice Eckber as accompanists. The Junior Chorus was the main attraction in the Christmas assembly. Caroling was enjoyed at this time, as well as echo singing. They sang for the P.T.A. Christmas program, also the group, along with MacDowell, gave a concert in the spring. Some of them blended their voices with those of the other members of the Berks County Chorus in the annual concert at Mt. Penn. Those participating in this affair were: Victoria Hepler, Priscilla Wilt, Sue Ann Behm, Lynne Potteiger, sopranos; Christine Batdorf, Carol Muschko, Barbara Siegel, altos; Rudolph Haehnel, David Goll, basses.

Linda Hertz, the secretary-treasurer, collected the required weekly dues for the group, and in the spring, they held a picnic with the money they had accumulated during the year. Surely, this organization is to be complimented for the fine work that they have achieved this year.

FIRST ROW—(*left to right*): E. Gentile, C. Lavigna, P. Byrne, C. Wolf, S. Greene, B. Heilman, S. Kreider, L. Hertz, C. Sweigart, J. Minnich, P. Wanner.

SECOND ROW—D. Goll, G. Brown, F. Cremer, W. Feick, J. Rodgers, G. Heiser, D. Ellis.

THIRD ROW—R. Goll, E. Berk, E. Achenbach, B. Entzminger, H. Rulapaugh, D. Brunner, P. Fox, N. Cochran, R. Knouse, W. Ellis.

FOURTH ROW—T. Young, H. Sweitzer, J. Feyl, V. Spang, C. Muschko, C. Bansner, B. Spangenberg, R. Karper, D. Lockwood, G. Rankey, Mr. Barthold, *Director*.

FIFTH ROW—C. Strause, J. Poole, B. Fuicci, G. Keim, C. Engle, D. Capozello, G. Bordic, R. Miller, P. Albert, R. Miller.

SIXTH ROW—B. Gring, W. Kline, L. Achenbach, A. Chirico, D. Geiss, H. Witwer, E. Kohl, R. Smith, T. Gabriel.

Band

OFFICERS

President ..... David Geiss
Vice President ..... Carl Engle
Librarian ..... Harold Witwer

If you have ever attended any of the football games, you have probably seen the Band, clad in their maroon and steel uniforms, doing their part by providing music during the game.

Besides attending football games, they took part in such special occasions as the Hallowe'en parade, the Christmas parade, and the Spring concert on May 8. There were many other events during the year in which members of the band participated.

Under the leadership of their very capable director, Mr. Homer Barthold, the band sponsored the sale of magazine subscriptions. The sale was a large success.

Some of the outstanding instrumentalists chosen to take part in the All-County Band Concert this year were Richard Miller, Carl Engle, Edward Berk, Robert Knouse, and Ted Gabriel.

FIRST ROW—(*left to right*): W. Ellis, R. Goll, F. Cremer, J. Rodgers, G. Brown, C. Yoder, R. Gilbert.

SECOND ROW—R. Knouse, B. Spangenberg, C. Bansner, Mr. Barthold, *Adviser;* L. Eckber, B. Gring, B. Gring.

THIRD ROW—R. Miller, G. Keim, E. Berk, R. Miller, G. Bordic, T. Gabriel.

FOURTH ROW—R. Smith, L. Achenbach, A. Chirico, C. Engle, D. Geiss, H. Witwer.

Orchestra

OFFICERS

President ..... David Geiss
Vice President ..... Harold Witwer
Secretary-Librarian ..... Richard Miller

A most outstanding musical organization in our school is our ever faithful orchestra.

This group, under the expert supervision of Mr. Homer Barthold, consists of students from junior and senior high school who have been selected and trained carefully for good team-work in producing our music.

The orchestra plays at our assembly programs each Friday morning, and also at the commencement, P. T. A. programs, class night, junior and senior class plays, and other social affairs which are connected with the school.

For the past few years, members of our orchestra have been selected to represent us at All-County Orchestra. Again this year the orchestra proudly boasts two representatives. They are Claude Yoder from seventh grade and Carl Engle from twelfth grade.

FIRST ROW—(*left to right*): Miss Kochel, *Adviser*; B. Nelson, M. Wertz, V. Stehman, B. Schearer, Miss Gantz, *Adviser*.

SECOND ROW—B. Spangenberg, J. McKently, C. Rosenkrance, P. Shindle, R. Cardinal, N. Haas, J. Fisher, L. Hagenbuch, P. Hessinger, S. Dauber.

THIRD ROW—F. Horn, J. Cuifici, J. D'Angelo, W. Hiester, R. Karper, D. Wells, M. Scholl, P. Wanner, E. Gentile.

FOURTH ROW—N. Piscitelli, J. Damore, D. Bryson, J. Minnich, J. Dracoules, A. Potteiger, M. Sweitzer, F. LeVan, S. Bertolet, L. Stoudt.

FIFTH ROW—L. Leinbach, G. Olwine, J. Phillips, S. Swoyer, M. Brunner, M. Maley, J. Williams, B. Heilman, S. Greene.

SIXTH ROW—M. Balmer, N. Holdeman.

Y-Teens

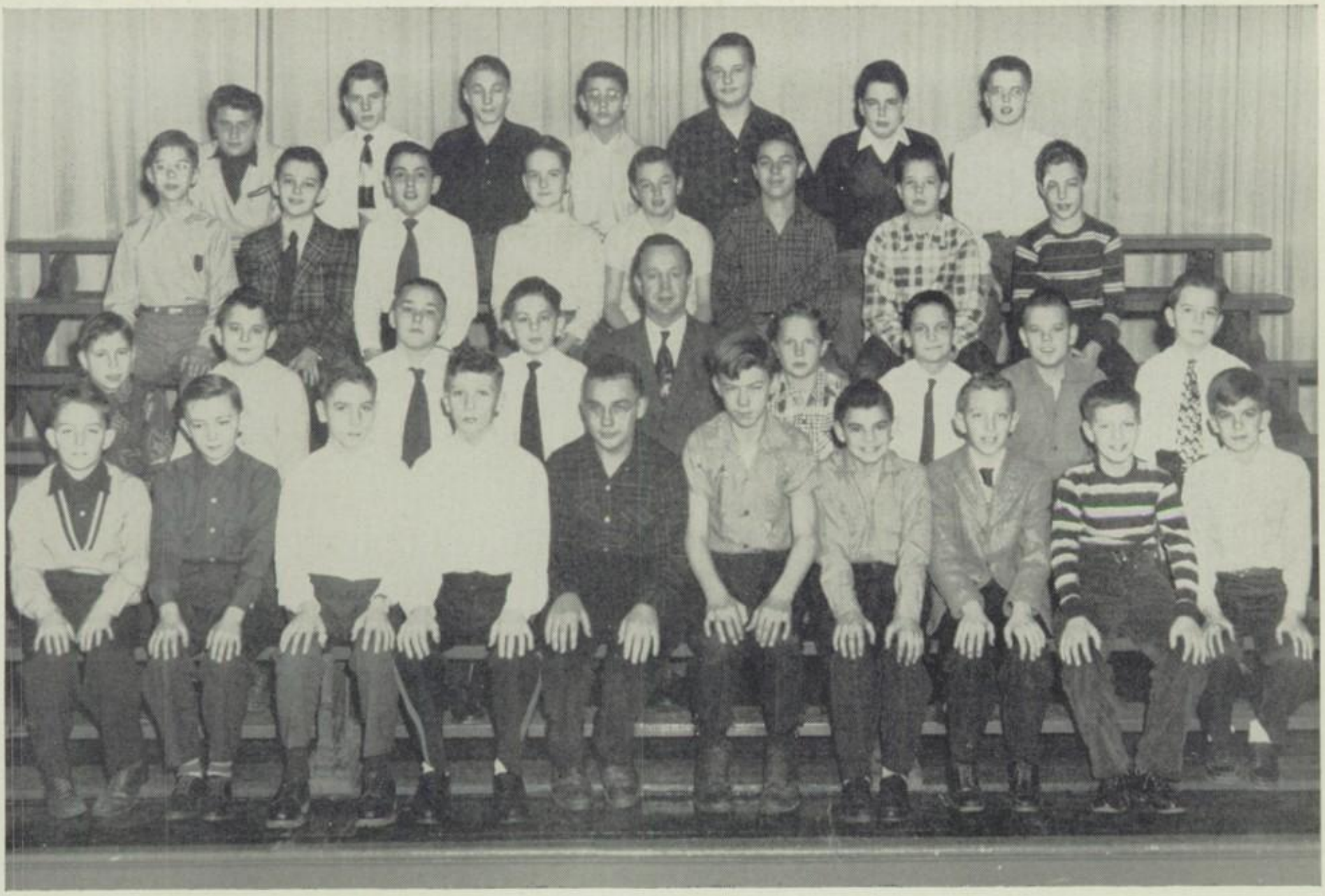
OFFICERS

President ..... Virginia Stehman
Vice President ..... Marilyn Wertz
Secretary ..... Barbara Schearer
Treasurer ..... Barbara Nelson

The Y-Teens is a popular service and social organization consisting of senior high girls. The group meets on alternate Monday evenings with Miss Dorothy Gantz and Miss Frances Kochel as advisers. Among the activities planned this year were a hayride, cosmetic demonstration, sport hop, informal dance, and a square dance.

Some of the services were the collecting of Hershey chocolates for Christmas overseas and providing Christmas gifts for under-privileged children in a Reading or nearby orphanage. They combined with the Jr. Hi-Y in purchasing a revised edition of the Bible for the school, and in furnishing a Thanksgiving basket for a needy family in West Reading.

This organization was governed by the cabinet which was composed of the following: Bernie Spangenberg, Inter-Club representative; Patricia Hessinger, Membership; Carol Rosenkrance, Music; Nancy Haas, Service; Joan McKently, Publicity; Patricia Shindle, Hospitality; Lynne Hagenbuch, Social; Sue Dauber, Worship; Rita Cardinal, Refreshments; Jeanette Fisher, Historian; and Marilyn Wertz, Program.



FIRST ROW—(*left to right*): D. Werner, R. Smith, R. Miller, G. Rankey, A. Naylor, W. Hill, M. Remley, J. Wentworth, P. Troutman, H. Rulapaugh.

SECOND ROW—N. Shestok, J. Ulrich, D. Lackwood, P. Fox, Mr. Shalter, *Adviser;* K. Hiester, D. Brunner, D. Remley, W. Feich.

THIRD ROW—C. Yoder, R. Gilbert, B. Gring, C. Ulrich, D. Stout, B. Burger, H. Zechman, T. Hegarty.

FOURTH ROW—L. Eppenstein, J. Strause, J. Karper, D. Goll, R. Haehnel, T. Young, P. Putman.

Junior Hi-Y

OFFICERS

President ..... George Rankey
Vice President ..... Rodger Miller
Secretary ..... William Hill
Treasurer ..... Albert Naylor

The West Reading Jr. Hi-Y Club engaged in quite a number of worthwhile projects during 1952-53. In November the club presented a copy of the new standard version of the Bible to the school. Also, in November the club, along with the Y-Teens, presented a Thanksgiving basket to a needy family in West Reading.

In December the club again presented a Christmas basket to a needy family in the borough.

The boys also conducted a toy collection in the borough. These toys were turned over to the Reading Junior Chamber of Commerce, who repaired them and distributed them to needy children in Berks County.

In February the club sponsored a book collection drive and the results thereof were turned over to Berks Heim and the Orphans' Home in Reading.

The club this year also engaged a number of field trips to the Reading Eagle, Maier's Bakery, St. Lawrence Dairy, and to see the Reading Indians play.

Basketball games were played with the Hi-Y's of Wilson and Wyomissing.

Two doggie roasts were held during the year.

Several outstanding speakers, such as Judge Warren Hess, spoke to the club throughout the year.

The club membership for this year totaled 36.

FIRST ROW—(*left to right*): Mr. Naylor, *Adviser;* M. Sweitzer, B. Knappenberger, S. Potteiger, F. Horn, G. Olwine.

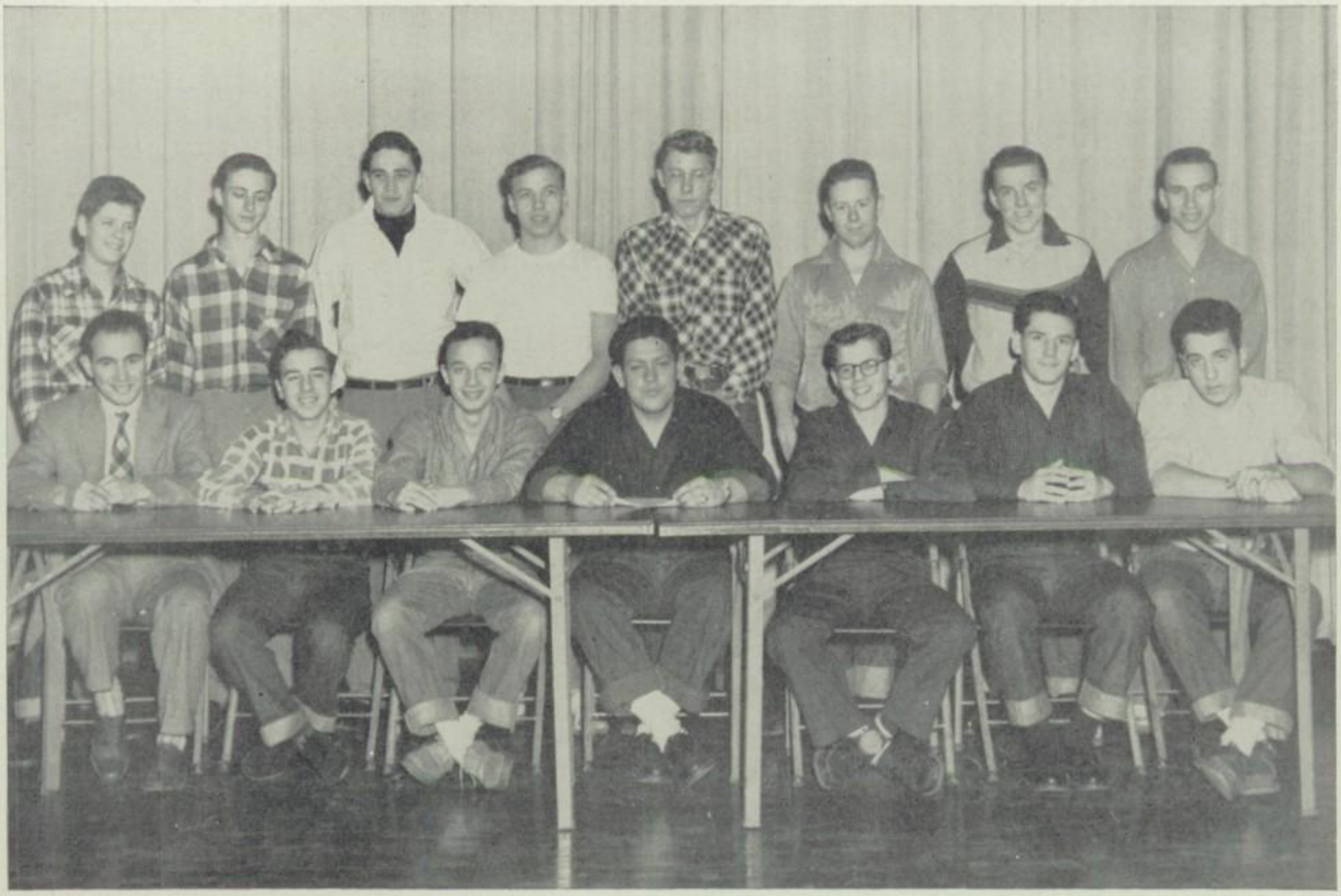
SECOND ROW—F. LeVan, S. Bertolet, E. McQuaid, P. Shindle, D. Bryson.

Banking Club

The Banking Club is made up of senior high school students of the commercial department. The members meet during activities period Monday through Thursday to operate the West Reading School Bank, located in the bookkeeping room.

This club, under the direction of Mr. Naylor, treasurer of the school bank, has direct control over the bookkeeping records and funds of all school organizations. The members perform various duties such as writing checks, taking deposits, keeping the records of the organizations, and auditing the accounts.

The purpose of the Banking Club is to provide an efficient and time-saving banking service to school organizations, as well as to give the members valuable experience in handling money, auditing, journalizing, posting, proovving cash, closing the ledger, and filing. It was organized in 1945 by Mr. Naylor and has become an indispensible institution within the school.



FIRST ROW—(*left to right*): Mr. Tucky, *Adviser;* D. Stout, R. Hafer, R. Bright, R. Kulaga, D. Ciervo, N. Cusinotta.

SECOND ROW—R. Reinert, K. Kern, J. Scheibner, S. Kulaga, D. Busch, W. Reinert, F. Morin, G. Schwartz.

ABSENT—R. Cardinal.

Stagecraft

OFFICERS

President ..... Robert Bright
Vice President ..... Ronald Hafer
Secretary-Treasurer ..... Ray Kulaga

One of the clubs in our school most taken for granted is stage craft. As all assembly programs, class plays, various P. T. A. meetings, sometimes graduation, and other special programs take place on the stage, this club has a big job to do. They keep the stage clean and in repair, they set up microphones, and repair stage properties. Their work does not stop with the stage, however. The club also has charge of the projection booth. From here we get our spotlights, slides, and movies.

This year the club is comprised of fourteen boys under the supervision of Mr. Robert Tuckey and Robert Bright, president. The main project this year was repairing and painting the scenery.

LEFT TO RIGHT—L. Leinbach, N. Piscitelli, B. Spangenberg, N. Haas, R. Cardinal.

Senior Class Play

TAKE CARE OF MY LITTLE GIRL

This year the Seniors chose to enact "Take Care of My Little Girl" for their Senior class play. The story revolves around Liz, Nancy Haas, who is a freshman at a Mid-Western University with her best friends Becky, Wilma Hiester, and Adelaide, Barbara Schearer. Liz becomes a member of Tri U Sorority, but when Becky and Ad are not chosen, the fun begins.

The story deepens when Joe, Dave Geiss, a non-fraternity man, and Chad, James Scheibner, vie for Liz's affections.

The drama terminates when Liz leaves the sorority, returns Chad's fraternity pin, and goes to live at the dormitory.

The cast was as follows: Merry, sorority president, Nancy Piscitelli; Marge, rush chairman, Bernie Spangenberg; Dallas, a fashion plate, Rita Cardinal; Casey, an "intellectual," Lynn Leinbach; Mother Apple, the housemother, Georgene Olwine; Mrs. Bellows, an influental alumna, Virginia Stehman; Sam, also a fraternity man, Richard Miller. Others in the cast were Mildred Brunner, Carol Rosenkrance, Lynne Hagenbuch, Joan McKently, Neil Epler, Patricia Hessinger, and Marilyn Wertz.

Mrs. Mary Ann Lash and Carol Rosenkrance had charge of properties. The play was under the direction of Mrs. Margaret Brunner.

Shirley Potteiger, Bonnie Knappenberger, Joan Phillips, Curtis Wagner, and Frederic Moser served as ushers.

LEFT TO RIGHT—R. Goll, J. Poole, J. Fisher, P. Fletcher, B. Nelson.

Junior Class Play

MY FRIEND IRMA

"My Friend Irma," who has won literally millions of friends through her radio series and movies, came to the West Reading High School stage last February 27, in the form of Jeanette Fisher with the well-known cast of the junior class. All Irma's friends, Jane Stacy (Barbara Nelson), Mrs. O'Reilly (Patricia Fletcher), Professor Kropotkin (John Poole), and of course Al (Richard Goll) came with her.

The plot gets under way when Al is approached by cartoonist Don Turner (Daniel McAlees), who wants to start a new cartoon strip based on Irma's zany sayings and to be called "My Friend Irma." In order to do this, Don must get to know Irma intimately and Al purposefully breaks up with Irma to accomplish this. Well, Al's scheme works so well he soon finds himself on the outside looking in with Irma announcing her engagement to Don.

In the meantime . . . Jane has received and refused a marriage proposal from Richard Rhinelander (Russell Daiello) . . . Teddy Brown (Ted Gabriel), an "aspiring" song writer has had 3 songs refused by publishing companies . . . Madame Magda (Frances LeVan), a boarder at Mrs. O'Reilly's roominghouse, has had some trouble with her flea circus — in particular, Horatio, her star performer . . . and Mrs. O'Reilly and Professor Kropotkin have decided to get married, because lawyer A. B. Abercrombie (Robert Hussey) has informed her she is an heiress.

Mrs. Peterson (Mary Balmer) shows up for the wedding and some hilarious scenes take place between she and her "brightest child" Irma. Complications arise on Irma's wedding day in the form of Winnie (Sue Dauber) who calmly announces *she* is Don Turner's wife and drags him away from Irma's clutches.

All ends well, though, for there is a triple wedding — Al and Irma, Professor Propotkin and Mrs. O'Reilly, and Jane and Richard, who have cleared the air between them and overcome their differences.

The auditorium of the high school was filled to capacity with standing room only, for the class had worked hard in all phrases of putting on their class play.

ARCHERY

Archery enthusiasts! Here's the club for you. Mr. Robert J. Tuckey will gladly take you under his wing and help your interest along. A group of junior and senior high boys found this so and joined this club in which they do everything that concerns archery. For instance, the boys made their own arrows and then went out to a vacant lot and shot them. Next year, they hope to have the use of the inside targets in the new elementary school.

Barry Merritt served as president for the club this year.

BEGINNER'S CAMERA

As long as West Reading High School has had an activity program, Mr. Evan H. Manwiller has sponsored his camera clubs. Many junior high students have at some time belonged to this club and have learned how to make good clear pictures. Mr. Manwiller claims as his first and most important instruction, "Know Your Camera," and after that he gives a list of five steps about how to proceed when taking pictures. Much can be learned, and many students can thank this club for lasting "picture memories."

ADVANCED CAMERA

This group, also under Mr. Evan H. Manwiller's watchful eyes, supplies the photographers for both the school newspaper, the LARIAT, and this yearbook. As suggested by the name of the club, members of this group do advanced camera work including developing and printing their own films.

Officers this year were as follows:

President—Gerald Schwartz

Vice President—William Damore

Secretary-Treasurer—John Parker

CHEFS

Miss Miriam Parker, adviser, planned a very interesting year for this year's Chefs Club. During the first eighteen weeks of school the boys were given instructions on how to dress properly; they also made Christmas gifts for their mothers.

During the second half of the year they learned how to set an attractive table and prepare the food that goes with it.

CRAFTS

A junior club that was open to girls and boys was the craft club. They meet in the industrial arts rooms and there, under Mr. Robert J. Tuckey's watchful eye they made projects that were of use in their homes. Some of the projects were necktie racks, lawn signs, and what not shelves. The officers for the year were as follows: Lee Whitmoyer, *president;* Ronald Borst, *vice president;* Larry Eppenstein, *treasurer.*

JUNIOR COLLECTORS

Another group under Mr. John Shalter's watchful eye is Junior Collectors. Most of the members have scrapbooks filled with pictures, articles, and drawings of their favorite subjects. These subjects vary from airplanes to houses and back again, plus racing cars, boats, stamps, and trains. Twenty-one junior high students populate the club and were led by the following officers for the 1952-53 term: Louis Listroni, *president;* Harry Zechman, *secretary-treasurer.*

SENIOR COSTUME

This club's main job is making and keeping fit the costumes and accessories for period plays and dramatized assembly programs.

Social affairs of the club included a hayride, covered dish social, spring dinner, and at Christmas, the giving of gifts to the children in the Reading Hospital.

Officers were: Rita Cardinal, *president;* Louise Stoudt, *vice president;* Joan D'Angelo, *secretary;* Frances LeVan, *treasurer.*

DANCE BAND

The Dance Band consisted of the following: saxaphone — Carl Engle, Dick Miller, Jerry Bordic, Eddie Berk, Ronny Schmidt; trumpets — Dave Giess, Bobby Fuicci, Harold Witwer, John Poole, Leroy Auchenbach; piano — George Brown; trombone — Dick Goll, Donald Ellis; drums — Hank Cremer; bass violin — Chick Hafer; adviser — Mr. Homer Barthold.

The Dance Band played for many school activities such as, the Y-Teen Valentine Dance, Junior High dances, the Senior Class Play, and the Senior Card Party, as well as many others.

DEBATING

The debating team this year consisted of Carol Rosenkrance, Larry Rentschler, Nancy Piscitelli, Robert Hussey, John Poole, and Nancy Haas, moderator and alternate. They launched their most successful season at Ontelaunee. Fleetwood was the next stop, and the climax was staged at West Reading. The question debated was, "Should the United States withdraw from the United Nations?" The team was under the capable supervision of Mr. Arthur Himmelberger.

SENIOR DISPLAY

When you notice how attractive the display case looks on the third floor, you can give thanks to four people and Mrs. Lash. Although there are only four members in this club, they work hard to have appropriate displays for the holidays and seasons.

JUNIOR DRAMATICS

This club, under the direction of Mrs. Margaret Brunner, studies the history of drama and dramatic terms. The members prepare programs of pantomine and pantomine quizzes. In this way they equip themselves for entrance into the Senior Dramatics Club.

This year the club met every Wednesday. The main project of the year was a play which they presented in a high school assembly entitled, "It Can Happen to Any Family."

SENIOR DRAMATICS CLUB

Many of our assemblies are brightened by the activities of our Senior Dramatics Club. You may recall the entertaining Christmas program featuring the play, "Christmas Recaptured." This program was also presented at the Reading Hospital and at a P. T. A. meeting. Another production, "Saving the Old Homestead", was a melodrama of five scenes and was presented to the students in the annual Thespian assembly.

The aim of the members in this club is to become a Thespian of troup 749. There is also a Best Thespian award at the close of each school year.

FANCY WORK CLUB

In this club, under the skillful supervision of Miss Frances Kochel, you will find twenty-five young artists trying to utilize their talent in different mediums. Some work with oil or Dek-All on metal trays, wooden bowls, or glassware, while others try their skill at painting original designs on material. The main objective is to stimulate interest in our Pennsylvania Dutch Folk art.

FIGURE PAINTING

This club meets twice each week in room 215, under the capable direction of Miss Frances Kochel. Plaster of Paris figurines are used, and many replicas are made of the original "Hummel" figures.

Both color and simplicity of design are stressed. A special kind of paint produces a glossy finish, thus eliminating the tedious process of glazing.

By making use of this club the girls discover an easy and pleasant way of adding that personal touch to many of their gifts.

GAMES

Meeting in Mr. John Shalter's room every Tuesday is a club whose motto might well be "All play and no work." Although only junior high students may join this club, there are twenty-two members. Any and every game is played — everything from canasta to chess, including Chinese checkers and dominoes.

The officers for 1952-53 were as follows:

President—Donald Ellis
Vice President—Marilyn White
Secretary—Barbara Entzminger

SENIOR GRAPHIC ARTS BOYS

Officers

President—Donald Busch
Secretary-Treasurer—
Stanley Kulaga

In the year of 1952-53, the Senior Graphic Arts Club, with Mr. Stephen Leininger as sponsor, was industriously engaged making name cards, stationery, letterheads, and also accomplished printing, block-cutting, and setting type.

The members were Kenneth Kern, John Parker, Ronald Struble, Larry Meglathery, Ray Kulaga, Donald Busch, Stanley Kulaga, Gary Keim, Russell Daiello, and Joseph Bowers.

HOLLYWOOD HIGHLIGHTS

This club, started in 1950, has become one in which junior high students are trained for the "big sister" club, Advanced Hollywood Highlights. The members keep scrapbooks to which they are continually adding pictures and write-ups of their favorite movie stars. With the advanced club, they sponsored movies at the Berks Heim and had a hanky shower for the Old Women's Home. Many socials were planned and carried out, all carefully helped along by the club's adviser, Mrs. Mary E. Gresh.

ADVANCED HOLLYWOOD HIGHLIGHTS

After "training" in the junior club of Hollywood Highlights, senior high students sometimes step up to this club. Here, as in the junior group, the members keep colorful, interesting scrapbooks. They study the lives of movie stars, and their rise to box-office fame. Mrs. Mary E. Gresh supervised this club also.

The 1952-53 officers were as follows:

President—Shirley Greene
Vice President—Barbara Heilman
Secretary-Treasurer—Marjorie Maley

JUNIOR LIBRARY

The Junior Library Club is made up of students in the junior high school. They do filing, shelving, pasting, and processing of new books. The club also has parties and cake sales. If you wonder why the library always looks so cheerful, you can give credit to these students who help dust, water the plants, and arrange bulletin board material.

GENERAL LIBRARY

This club consists of students from grades seven through twelve, who could not join either the Senior or Junior Library Club because of conflicting activities. The boys and girls in General Library do the same type of work as in the other two clubs according to their age.

The students in the library clubs also work behind the desk in the library, stamping books, etc., during study halls and after school. Mrs. Mary Ann Lash is the adviser for all three of the library clubs.

SENIOR LIBRARY

This is a service club composed for students in senior high school, who do advanced work for the library in typing, ditto, and cataloging. Each year the club sends representatives to the Teen-Age Library Association for its two meetings. The club pays its own transportation to the conference from the money it makes from its cake sales.

SENIOR MATHEMATICS

Although there are only three boys in this club, they have accomplished very much. Under the capable guidance of Mr. Ray Linn, they have learned how to solve many "trick" problems and also to use a slide rule and other mathematical instruments. These three ambitious boys have learned how to do many types of problems that the average person does not know how to do.

MODEL

On Tuesday you can find many junior high students in the shops making models of trains, planes, old cars, and boats. Mr. Robert J. Tuckey supervised all the projects and gave a helping hand to all that needed it. Some of the girls made small maple leaves with shelves for wall brackets; others fashioned name pins from wood. Officers for the past term were: Gerald Wentworth, *president;* Gene Messner, *vice president;* Leon Ostroski, *secretary;* William Feick, *treasurer.*

PAINTING

This club, though it goes under the title of painting, is really a personal interest club. It is open to both junior and senior high students, and it offers a variety of mediums to work with including charcoal, oil paints, tempera, and pastels. Some of the members worked with plexiglass making carved figures, others made stencils. Mr. James Waldron is supervisor.

SENIOR POSTOR CLUB

Striving to develop poster techniques, senior high students meet every Monday to work under the direction of Mr. James Waldron. Tempera is the most popular medium which they use to make posters to publicize school events. They also enter the various poster contests during the year. This year included both the American Automobile Association Safety Contest and the Health Organization Contest.

PUPPET

This club, open to junior high students, made marionettes and planned a show based on a story about an outside visitor from Mars. The heads of the marionettes were made of a variety of wood carved by the students. Costumes were also created by the pupils with the aid of Mr. James Waldron.

SENIOR SCIENCE

Snif! Snif! Ohh, what a smell! Ah, there are the varmits. It's that senior science club at work again, brewing more solutions. The club is supervised by Mr. Richard Koch and can usually be found in the lab working on their own experiments or helping Mr. Koch set up equipment for his classes. The club has no officers and meets every Thursday.

JUNIOR SOCIAL DANCING

One of our newest social activities in the West Reading High School is Junior Social Dancing, which has fast become one of the most popular activities. The main purpose of this activity is to promote self-confidence among the junior high students, through teaching them how to dance. Their very capable instructors are Miss Jeanne Cilley and Mr. John Shalter. As you can see at our sport hops, they are well on the way to achieving their goal.

JUNIOR SPORTSMEN

This group meets every Tuesday under the guidance of Mr. Koch to discuss the many sports events of the year. During the year, the Junior Sportsmen saw many films on such subjects as the Olympic Games and West Reading's football team.

The main goal of this club is to practice good sportsmanship. The fine sportsmanship shown at our games throughout the year is proof that this goal is being attained.

SENIOR SPORTSMEN

Under the guidance of Mr. Linn, this group of boys views films of all important sports and discusses the current sports events of the year. Most of the boys in this club are on various school teams and can be easily identified in competition by their good sportsmanship.

STAMP CLUB

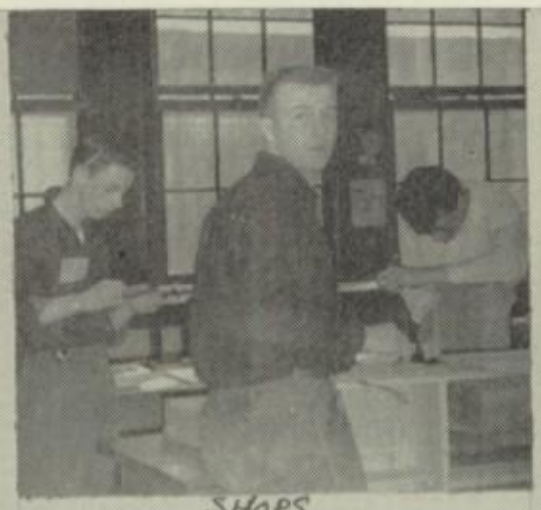
This comparatively new club was organized by Mrs. Mary E. Gresh for all those junior high school students who are interested in stamp collecting. The club receives a newspaper telling of new editions of stamps and where to send for a "first edition" for their collection. Many of them have some valuable stamps now and are planning to add more in the future. Officers for this year were: Thomas Haggerty, *president;* and Peter Fox, *vice president.*

TWIRLERS

This group, made up of girls from junior and senior high school, marches with our band in parades and at football games. Although this is not a regular activity, the Twirlers still do their share of work. Every Thursday you can find them in the gym practicing. Pat Byrne is instructor, and Miss Cilley is always there to supervise.

Work in Classes

MECHANICAL DRAWING



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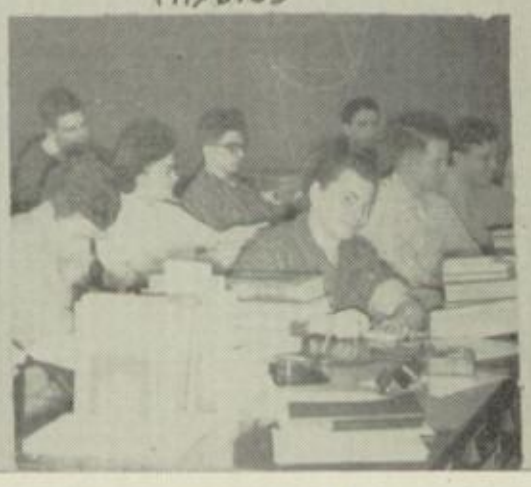

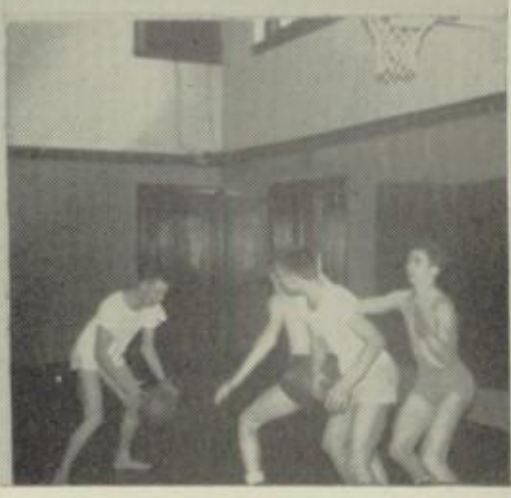

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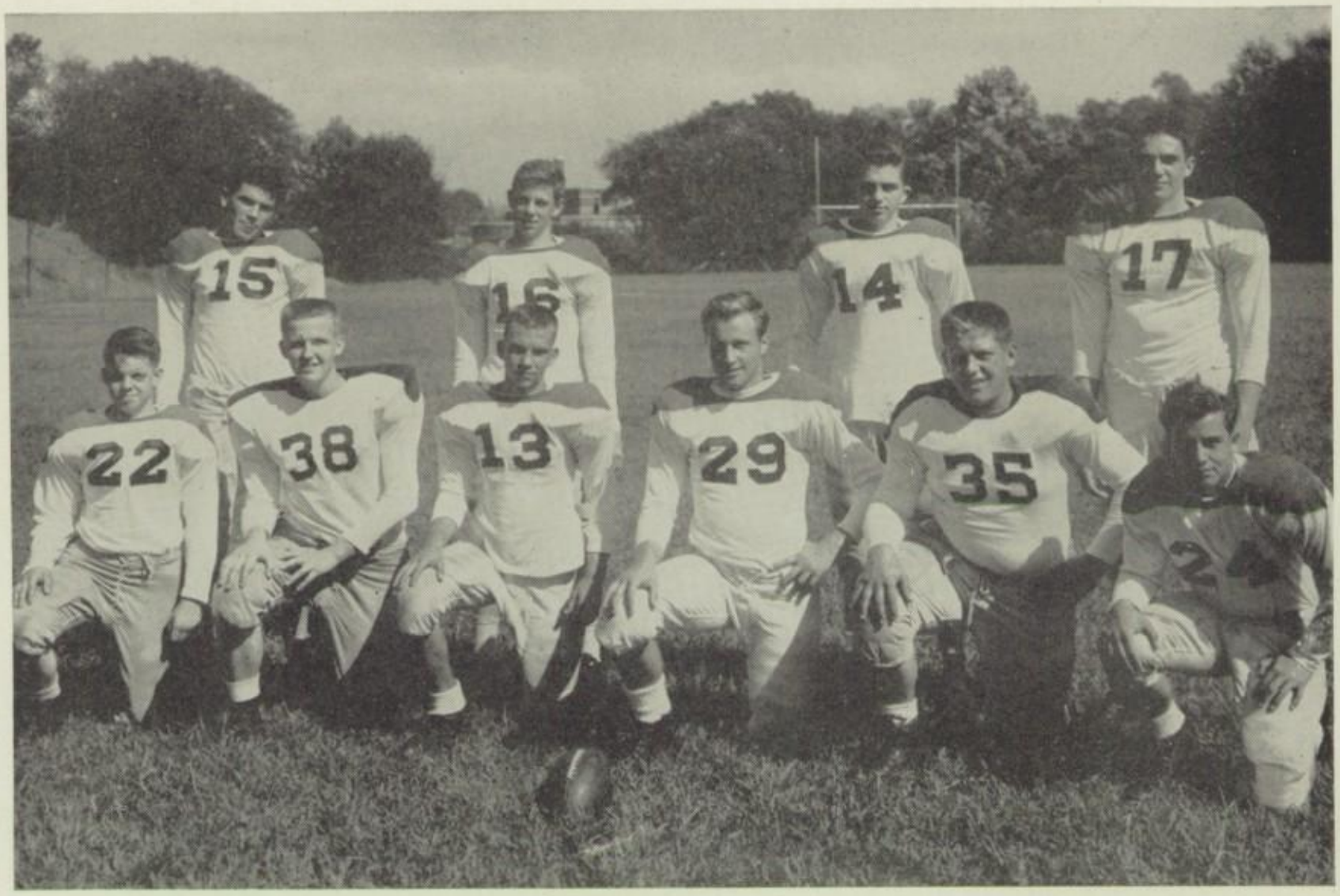


DEPARTING SENIORS

FIRST ROW—(*left to right*): F. Moser, C. Engle, B. Merritt, D. Geiss, R. Bright, D. Stout.
SECOND ROW—J. Bowers, L. Rentschler, R. Miller, J. Scheibner.

FIRST ROW—(*left to right*): R. Miller, B. Merritt, J. Bowers, J. Scheibner, R. Bright, D. Stout, L. Rentschler, D. Geiss, C. Engle, F. Moser.

SECOND ROW—J. Rogers, R. Hussey, T. Gabriel, D. Ciervo, E. Kohl, A. Chirico, D. McAlees, R. Goll, J. Naugle, W. Kline.

THIRD ROW—R. McCarthy, F. Cremer, P. Albert, W. Damore, D. Capozello, S. Stout, G. Heiser, F. Morin, R. Cardinal.

FOURTH ROW—Mr. Linn, *Coach*; Mr. Koch, *Coach*; R. Klein, G. Bowers, L. Meglathery, R. Smith, N. Epler, J. Martens, Mr. Shaner.

Varsity Football

"Write another page in history . . . " are the words of a football song which echoed across the gridiron last fall. Many pages have been written down in history about the West Reading gridiron team. However, none were ever added that we were more proud of than those of this year. Under the coaching of Mr. Ray Linn and Mr. Richard Koch, the team established a new record of eight wins, no defeats, and one tie.

In the initial game of the season the cowboys defeated Manheim Central 20-6. Next the gridiron men surprised Boyertown with a 32-13 victory, and battled Wilson to a 6-6 tie. The next three games were overwhelming victories for the cowboys when they trounced Lititz 30-7, West Pottsgrove 31-0, and Collegeville-Trappe 38-6. However, the most outstanding game of the season was the 14-0 victory over Shillington. In the last game of the season West Reading defeated their traditional rivals, Wyomissing, 44-13.

This year our left halfback, Danny Ciervo succeeded in breaking the county scoring record with 108 points.

The seniors on this year's squad were Joseph Bowers, Robert Bright, Carl Engle, David Geiss, Richard Miller, Frederic Moser, Larry Rentschler, James Scheibner, and Donald Stout.

KNEELING—Mr. Koch, *Coach.*

STANDING—D. Stout, A. Scalese, D. Capozello, D. Ciervo, E. Kohl, N. Cucinotta, C. Engle, G. Bordic, R. Daiello.

Varsity Basketball

This year under their new coach, Mr. Dick Koch, the basketball team posted a fine record of six wins and ten losses or a percentage of .375 in league competition. An outstanding game in the schedule was the Hamburg game on February 3. In this game, Daniel Capozello racked up 34 points coming close to breaking the West Reading High School record set by Pro Nelson in 1946.

The one serious difficulty encountered by the team, which has hampered all our basketball teams, was the lack of tall men.

SCHEDULE

	SCHOOL	WEST READING	OPPONENTS
Nov. 26	Sinking Spring	52	70
Dec. 2	Wilson	56	57
Dec. 5	Shillington	80	56
Dec. 12	Birdsboro	79	57
Dec. 15	Hamburg	27	43
Dec. 19	Mt. Penn	37	83
Jan. 9	Wyomissing	55	48
Jan. 13	Muhlenberg	63	51
Jan. 16	Kutztown	36	76
Jan. 21	Wilson	48	85
Jan. 23	Shillington	61	72
Jan. 27	Wernersville	75	49
Jan. 30	Birdsboro	50	54
Feb. 5	Hamburg	74	59
Feb. 6	Mt. Penn	52	67
Feb. 10	Wyomissing	79	76
Feb. 13	Muhlenberg	54	50
Feb. 16	Kutztown	42	83

FIRST ROW—(*left to right*): G. Heiser, R. Hafer, W. Damore, L. Meglathery, F. Morin, D. McAlees, T. Gabriel.

SECOND ROW—R. Kulaga, *Manager;* D. Jenkins, J. Naugle, S. Stout, A. Chirico, R. Knouse, Mr. Linn, *Coach.*

Junior Varsity Basketball

The junior varsity basketball team, coached by Mr. Ray Linn, had a successful season. Their record was 10 wins and 8 losses for the entire season. The outstanding feature of the season was the setting of the county individual scoring record by Chick Hafer, who scored 31 points in a single game.

SCHEDULE

	SCHOOL	WEST READING	OPPONENTS
Nov. 26	Sinking Spring	34	48
Dec. 2	Wilson	23	32
Dec. 5	Shillington	38	26
Dec. 12	Birdsboro	56	42
Dec. 15	Hamburg	41	46
Dec. 19	Mt. Penn	43	60
Jan. 9	Wyomissing	36	28
Jan. 13	Muhlenberg	50	42
Jan. 16	Kutztown	59	51
Jan. 21	Wilson	37	43
Jan. 23	Shillington	60	41
Jan. 27	Wernersville	76	50
Jan. 30	Birdsboro	47	38
Feb. 5	Hamburg	38	58
Feb. 6	Mt. Penn	35	55
Feb. 10	Wyomissing	74	37
Feb. 13	Muhlenberg	52	41
Feb. 16	Kutztown	37	41

FIRST ROW—(*left to right*): D. Remley, T. Heinz, D. Brunner, K. Hiester, Mr. Shaner, *Coach*; H. Rulapaugh, M. Remley, R. Miller.

SECOND ROW—H. Zechman, L. Whitmoyer, P. Albert, F. Cremer, D. Ellis, G. Rankey, G. Bowers.

Junior High Basketball

This year our junior high basketball team, under its new coach, John H. Shaner, registered an even season. The "Baby Cowboys" won four and lost four games in league competition. The other games, which were non-league, were played and won. Although this record could be better, it is exceptionally good considering the lack of heighth in the squad. The heighth ranges from 4 feet 8 inches to 5 feet 8 inches.

SCHEDULE

	SCHOOL	WEST READING	OPPONENTS
Dec. 12	Shillington	27	33
Dec. 16	Wilson	42	14
Jan. 9	Mt. Penn	24	37
Jan. 13	Muhlenberg	24	21
Jan. 24	Mt. Penn	20	31
Jan. 27	Muhlenberg	24	47
Jan. 30	Shillington	23	20
Feb. 3	Wilson	42	39

FIRST ROW—(*left to right*): B. Merritt, G. Bordic, D. Grab, W. Reinert, R. Hafer.
SECOND ROW—W. Hinnershitz, F. Morin, D. McAlees, J. Poole, R. Goll, R. Knouse, Mr. Shalter, *Coach*.

Swimming

Splash, splash! That's our championship swimming team in action. Under the coaching of Mr. John L. Shalter, they registered an undefeated season in league competition. They had an even record of five wins and five losses in all meets.

Bob Knouse, one of this year's juniors, gained individual honors as he advanced as far as the state finals in the breast-stroke event, swimming at Franklin and Marshall, Hershey, and at Penn State.

SCHEDULE

Jan. 12 — Reading High	Feb. 5 — Lancaster J. V.
Jan. 14 — Lancaster J. V.	Feb. 9 — Wilson
Jan. 26 — Hershey	Feb. 11 — Reading High
Jan. 28 — Wilson	Feb. 17 — Shillington
Feb. 2 — Shillington	Feb. 23 — Hershey

FIRST ROW—(*left to right*): G. Bordic, A. Scalese, D. Stout, B. Merritt.
SECOND ROW—R. Cartwright, F. Rapino, D. Ciervo, G. Rankey.
THIRD ROW—G. Heiser, W. Damore, Mr. Linn, *Coach*; D. McAlees, S. Stout, R. Kline, *Manager*.

Baseball

The spring of 1953 found the baseball aspirants of W.R.H.S. scrambling for diamond positions. Coach Ray Linn returned for his second year and hoped to improve the 1-9 record of 1952. Coach Linn lost only four lettermen, Bob Cremer and Karl Neuroth, outfielders, and Bud McGrath and Don Cherry, hurlers, from the '52 squad.

Lettermen returning are Dan Ciervo, Bill Damore, and Jerry Bordic, infielders, Tony Scalese, an outfielder, catcher Ted Gabriel, pitcher Gary Heiser, and catcher-outfielder Dan McAlees. Bordic is also available for mound duties. Other prospects are Frank Rapino, rated to be one of the league's best catchers, George Rankey, freshman first baseman, Don Stout, senior outfielder and a member of last year's club, Bob Cartwright, utility infielder, and Ronnie Smith and Stan Stout, outfielders.

The usual starting line-up placed Rankey at first, Bordic at second, Ciervo at short stop, and Damore at third, to round out the infield. The outfield usually consists of McAlees and Don Stout. Frank Rapino handles the catching duties. Heiser, along with Bordic comprise the mound staff. Stan Stout and Cartwright also saw action in the outfield and infield respectively.

By May 5, the club had a 2-4 record, thus already bettering last year's.

SCHEDULE

April		May	
13	Shillington (home)	4	Wilson (home)
16	Wilson (away)	7	Mt. Penn (away)
20	Mt. Penn (home)	11	Muhlenberg (home)
23	Muhlenberg (away)	14	Wyomissing (away)
27	Wyomissing (home)		
30	Shillington (away)		

FIRST ROW—(*left to right*): R. Reinert, L. Whitmoyer, R. McCarthy, J. Marks.
SECOND ROW—R. Hafer, A. Chirico, J. Poole, T. Gabriel, D. Capozello, R. Knouse.
ABSENT—G. Heiser.

Track

Coach John Shaner's 1953 track and field combine is of entirely new men. All of the 1952 lettermen are gone, foremost of whom was Bob Cremer, who is now attending West Point.

The '53 combine was led by Dan Capozello and Gary Heiser, who paced last year's championship junior high squad. Capozello entered the sprints and the broad jump, while Heiser was entered in the 100-yard dash, the broad jump, and the hurdles. Distance runners included Bob Knouse, 880-yard runner, and John Poole and Dick Goll, milers. Rich Klein did both the mile and the half mile. Chick Hafer will compete in the hurdles and the high jump for the Cowmen next year.

By May 5, 1953, the top record on the thinclads was posted by Dan Capozello, who placed second in the broad jump in both the West Reading Interscholastics and the Albright meet. Its Chirico also placed in the discus, his specialty.

The chief junior high prospects who defended last year's laurels were John Marks, Bob McCarthy, Paul Albert, Dick Reinert, and George Rankey.

SCHEDULE

April
15 Birdsboro
18 Albright College Meet

May
2 West Reading Interscholastics
6 Venzke Relays
9 Shillington Victory Meet
13 Lebanon High Relays
16 District 3 Meet - Lancaster High
23 State Championships - Penn State College

FIRST ROW—(*left to right*): R. Cardinal, G. Olwine, N. Haas, M. Wertz, L. Leinbach, N. Piscitelli, W. Hiester, F. Horn.

SECOND ROW—R. Karper, B. Nelson, F. LeVan, L. Hagenbuch, V. Stehman, J. D'Angelo, J. Damore, M. Scholl, S. Dauber.

THIRD ROW—S. Swoyer, *Manager*; L. Hertz, N. Holdeman, J. Fisher, Miss Cilley, *Coach*; A. Potteiger, J. Cuifici, L. Stoudt, *Manager*.

Girls' Hockey

Under the initial appearance of Miss Jeanne Cilley as hockey mentor, the Cowgirls finished the season with two ties and three defeats.

To open the season, the Lassies traveled to Mohnton for a tilt with the Panthers. The heartbreaking score of this game was 0-0. With one tie, the girls were anxious to meet Wilson, although they were then handed a 2-1 setback.

Muhlenberg was next on the schedule and again both teams romped to a 1-1 tie. The black and gold of Mt. Penn proved to be victorious with the score of 2-0.

Last but not least, the Lassies played host to Shillington, but just couldn't win that final game. The game ended with the score 2-0, favor the Shillington Speedgirls.

The usual starting line-up for the Cowgirls was as follows: Nancy Piscitelli, Sue Dauber, Lynn Leinbach, Marilyn Wertz, Bernadine Spangenberg, Janice Cuifici, Frances LeVan, Wilma Hiester, Nancy Holdeman, Ruth Karper, Lynne Hagenbuch, and Virginia Stehman.

Marilyn Wertz and Lynn Leinbach, co-captains, led the list of retiring seniors this year. Among the girls were Mildred Brunner, Rita Cardinal, Nancy Haas, Lynne Hagenbuch, Wilma Hiester, Florence Horn, Lynn Leinbach, Georgene Olwine, Nancy Piscitelli, Bernadine Spangenberg, Virginia Stehman, and Marilyn Wertz.

FIRST ROW—(*left to right*): M. Wertz, S. Dauber, G. Remley, W. Hiester, M. Balmer, J. Damore, C. Lavigna, N. Piscitelli, *Manager.*

SECOND ROW—E. Achenbach, *Manager;* J. Cuifici, B. Schearer, J. Williams, M. Brunner, N. Holdeman, J. Fisher, R. Karper, Miss Cilley, *Coach.*

ABSENT—L. Leinbach.

Girls' Basketball

At the end of the season, the West Reading Lassies, under the coaching of Miss Jeanne Cilley, had 7 wins and 4 losses. The starting lineup usually included Wilma Hiester, Lynn Leinbach, and Suzanne Dauber, forwards; and Janice Cuifici, Mildred Brunner, and Marilyn Wertz, guards.

Many humorous events occurred during the season, and perhaps the most amusing was during the Wyomissing game when the guards and forwards changed positions for the fourth quarter. What is most surprising is the fact that the guards scored 20 points in that quarter.

There were many discouraging times, too, when our captain, Wilma Hiester, had the measles, and our center, Lynn Leinbach, had the chicken pox.

Next year the team will be without the services of Wilma Hiester, Lynn Leinbach, Marilyn Wertz, Mildred Brunner, and Barbara Schearer.

Others on the team were Janice Cuifici, Mary Balmer, Jean Williams, and Nancy Holdeman, guards; Gayle Remley, Joyce Damore, Carol Lavigna, Jeanette Fisher, Suzanne Dauber, and Ruth Karper, forwards.

The high scorers were Lynn Leinbach with 118 points, Wilma Hiester with 102, Gayle Remley with 56, and Sue Dauber with 34.

FIRST ROW—(*left to right*): L. Hertz, J. Cuifici, C. Lavigna.
SECOND ROW—S. Dauber, B. Nelson, J. Fisher, N. Piscitelli, M. Wertz, B. Spangenberg.
Mascot, Lexington.

Cheerleaders

During both football and basketball seasons, this energetic cheering squad could be seen and heard leading the spectators to root for their Alma Mater and pepping up the morale of the West Reading teams.

Many new fight songs were led by our cheerleaders. We have not only heard new songs, but new cheers as well. A grand total of nine songs and thirty-five cheers perked the teams to victory.

Next year the varsity cheering squad will be without the services of Marilyn Wertz, who was captain of the present squad, Bernie Spangenberg, and Nancy Piscitelli, who are seniors in the departing 1953 class. These three girls have been leading our school in song and cheer for the past five years. However, three juniors, Barbara Nelson, Jeanette Fisher, and Sue Dauber, will remain with the varsity squad.

But we must not forget the Junior Varsity! The first time you saw these cute lassies was at the basketball games. Although they were comparatively new, they did a great job. This squad included Linda Hertz, Janice Cuifici, and Carol Lavigna.

Sport Snaps

"GARY"

"RAIL," BILL," LINN, BIGER, HIMMELBERGER

"DANNY"

"MISS GANTZ"

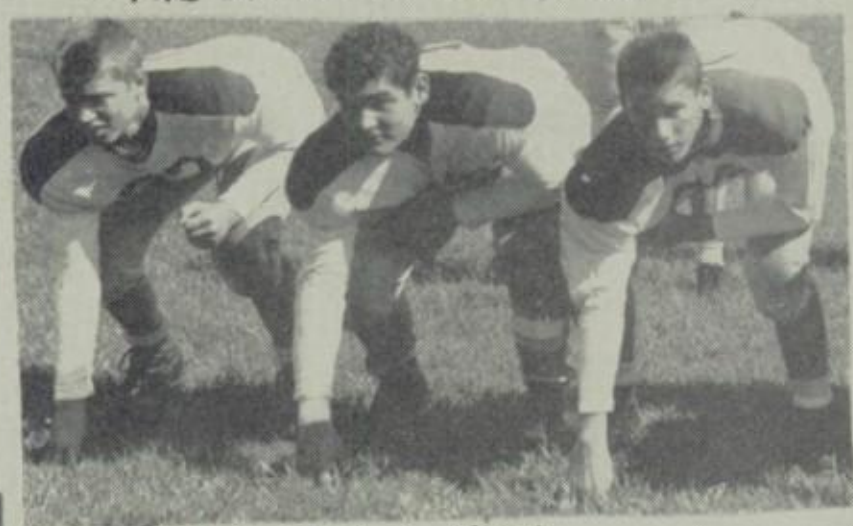
"JIM"

"The GAME of the YEAR"

"MEAT BALL"

"MRS. LASH"

"WHAT, A TEAM?"


"ED," "STAN," & "DAN."

"MIL + JANICE"

MRS. BRUNNER

MR. HIMMELBERGER

"LYNNIE"

"DAVE," "DAN," & "TIP"

"ALMOST, FIDDLE"

"WHERE IS IT?"

"GABE"

Sport Snaps

"ALMOST!"

"DAN, TUT, AMELIA"

"LET'S GET TO WORK, BOYS"

"PAT + WOEZ"

"NUNZ"

"STAN"

"NUNZ"

"DANNY"

"CHICK"

"DON'T JUST STAND THERE!"

"Bill, Chick, Mr. Shalter

"TIP'S LOAFING AGAIN"

"WHO HAS IT?"

"whoops!"

"GARY, JANICE, BOB, JOHN"

"DAN"

"RUSS"

"JOHN"

"DAN"

"IS IT GOOD?"

"GARY"

"EDDIE"

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